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## Linda Capps retains CPN leadership post

Meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma for their 12th annual Family Reunion Festival, Citizen Potawatomi Nation members have retained Linda Capps for a new four-year term as the Nation's Vice Chairman. CPN voters also filled four seats in the tribe's 16-member legislature and filled out the ranks of the CPN's judiciary.

Capps outpolled Alan Becker of Cushing, Oklahoma by a count of 1556 to 213, for 88% of the vote. Capps outstripped Becker 1264 to 186 in absentee ballots cast by members across the U.S. and 292 to 27 among walk-in voters who cast ballots at CPN tribal headquarters on Saturday, June 26. Vice Chairman Capps was sworn in to begin serving her new term during the CPN's General Council meeting Saturday afternoon.

CPN Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale of Norman, Oklahoma earned a third four-year term when no one filed to oppose him in the election.



*Vice Chairman Linda Capps is sworn in for a new four-year term by Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett as Secretary-Treasurer, D. Wayne Trousdale, who earned re-election without opposition, holds the Bible.*

In legislative district #5, which encompasses the states of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico and a portion of far west Texas, incumbent Gene Lambert of Mesa, Arizona defeated Michael Carter, a fellow Arizonan, by an 11-vote margin, 90-79.

In District #6, which includes southern California and southern Nevada, Rande Kern Payne won over Charles M. 'Chuck'

Goyer by a vote of 97 to 36.

In District #8, which takes in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota, incumbent Dave Carney of Washington state retained his seat by a count of 123 to 21 over Clyde Slavin, also a Washington state resident and whose father lives in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

In District #7, which includes northern California and northern Nevada, incumbent Thom Finks of Auburn, California goes into a run-off trailing fellow California Mark A. Johnson. Johnson received 61 votes. Finks had 41, and a third candidate, Jeanine Gaines had 33. The run-off election will be held within the 60 days following the primary election – on August 25, 2010.

CPN voters retained CPN member Angela Riley, UCLA law professor and Director of the UCLA American Indian Studies Center, as a Supreme Court Justice and elevated her to the post of Chief Justice. She replaces G. William Rice, who has held the

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# Walking On

## Mary Agnes Pack



**SHAWNEE, Okla.** - Mary Agnes Pack, 63, died on November 12, 2009. She was born in Oklahoma City on March 3, 1946, to Ruth and Richard Norvelle.

Mary Agnes is survived by her husband of more than 30 years, Harlond Pack, of the home; her children and their spouses; her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings; and numerous nieces,

nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service for Mary Agnes was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009, at Walker Funeral Service. A dinner immediately followed at The Potawatomi Tribal Grounds South Reunion Hall in Shawnee.

Her family wishes to thank all of the doctors and nurses of Presbyterian Tower at OU Medical Center for their care, as well as the numerous medical personnel who saved her life so many times throughout years past. They also gratefully acknowledge Davita Dialysis of Shawnee and her tribe, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Our sincerest appreciation goes, in particular, to CPN Vice Chairman, Mrs. Linda Capps, who always went out of her way to help Mary Agnes during her living years, and who honored Momma's memory with highest regard at the time of her death.

Despite the physical suffering and deterioration she endured in her last years, Mary Agnes' beauty and love for life shone through. She fought hard everyday to live, and she treasured the moments she won. Family (which included her numerous "animalcules" from past to present) was her greatest love, and Mary Agnes had an endless capacity to give that love.

Momma leaves us a legacy of love and courage. She was honest, however. She was not without fear. But her courage was so beautiful because she chose to live and love life in spite of fear. Momma was not ready to leave; her body was. Her spirit was almost indomitable; her physical presence was not.

We are thankful that her terrible suffering has been lifted, but what bittersweet relief it is. Mary Agnes Pack was a cornerstone in so many people's lives; certainly in her husband's and daughters'. We will go on without her but the void is insurmountable.

Momma, thank you so much for giving us life and love. We will miss you and ache for you the rest of our days. We love you forever, sweet darling!

## Vina Sale-Pruett



Vina Sale-Pruett, age 87, of Springfield, Missouri died March 16, 2010 surrounded by her family and her beloved dog, Casper, following a short illness.

She was born on October 3, 1922, in Liberal, the daughter of Fred and Anna Sale, who preceded her in death when she was still a child. She was a sister to Fred and Leon Sale, both deceased.

On September 4, 1942, she was married to Tommy Pruett. He preceded her in death on February 25, 1994.

She is survived by her seven children, Vivian Diven and Sharon Kay Alexander,



both of Shawnee, Oklahoma; Veta Pruett, Nancy Carolyn Queen and her husband, Michael, all of Springfield, Barbara Stephens of Federal Way, Washington, Timothy Pruett and wife, Judy, of Bandon, Oregon, and William (Bill) Pruett with his wife, Merlie, of Jacksonville, Florida; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She has many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and her sweet friend, Starla Phillips, she loved as a daughter. She always said, "I love all of my family!"

Vina owned and operated a state-licensed adult boarding facility in Houston, Missouri with her husband for many years. Vina was an avid reader, seamstress, and quilt-maker. She enjoyed drawing and spending time on her computer. She was in the process of making a book of her life and family history. But the most important part of her life was her faith in God and her relationship with Him. She was a wife and a mother who prayed faithfully for her loved ones and their future generations. She is now with Jesus and reunited with her husband, whom she missed so much.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Bell City, Missouri. Fitch-Hillis Funeral Home was in charge of

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arrangements.

The family requests that memorials be made to Fitch-Hillis Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at [www.fitchhill-isfh.com](http://www.fitchhill-isfh.com).

### Wilma Nadine Smith



Wilma Nadine Smith, 90, of Stockton, California passed away on June 7, 2010. She was born on September 1, 1919 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the daughter of Lela Agnes and Israel Nicholas Rhodd. She was a very proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Wilma is survived by her loving children, Debra Sue Smith and Gerald Scott Smith, both of Stockton, and Scott's extended family, Donna Ruth Smith and their two children, Netanya Ruth Smith and Timothy Scott Smith. She will also be missed by her foster son-in-law Albert Serpa and foster grandchildren from in and around the Fresno, Selma, and Kingsburg, California areas, as well as many other relatives and friends across the country.

Preceding her in death are Bonnie Mae Serpa and foster grandson Jeffrey Albert Serpa.

A memorial services was held on Friday, June 11, 2010 at 10 a.m. at Lincoln Presbyterian Church, 900 Douglas Rd, Stockton, CA. Please sign the guest book online at [www.cherokeememorial.com](http://www.cherokeememorial.com).

### Frank J. Kremenak Jr.

Frank J. Kremenak Jr. passed away at the age of 87 on June 11, 2010, surrounded by family. Frank was married for 55 years to his beloved wife Elaine, who passed away five years ago.

Frank is survived by his three daughters Karen, Susan, and Janet and their families. He is also survived by his brothers John and Albert Kremenak and their families, having lost his sister Pauline Shearer in 2008.

Frank is the son of Frank Sr. and Mary



Elizabeth Kremenak of Toledo, Iowa, where he grew up in a Tom Sawyer fashion, and we really enjoyed hearing the stories of his youth. Frank is a decorated World War II veteran from the U.S. Army Air Force and served as a sergeant in Europe. He is also a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, as are his family and children.

Frank and Elaine were married in Iowa and soon moved to Dallas, Texas, where they had three daughters. From there, they relocated to California where he worked with the aerospace industry for 25 years. They retired in Grants Pass, Oregon, in their home of 35 years close to the Rogue River. Frank was a master mason and engineer who enjoyed construction, building furniture, fishing, camping and especially his grandchildren. He had a full and wonderful life. Family held a private service in Oregon.

### Joe Rex 'JR' Trousdale

**NORMAN, Okla.** - Joe Rex 'JR' Trousdale, 42, passed away in an automobile accident on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 in Norman, Oklahoma. He was born on June 26, 1967 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, the son of Darrell and Toni Trousdale.

JR grew up in the Pauls Valley area before moving to Tulsa and then to Norman where he resided for the past 15 years. He graduated from OU with honors and was a member of Sigma Nu. He was a Nationally Certified Athletic Trainer and a letterman in the O Club during the University of Okla-



homa football National Championship year in 1985. He also was a trainer for the Harlem Globetrotters, the Pro Rodeo Circuit, and Cape Cod Baseball League, just to name a few. JR took pride in his work as a physical therapist for 18 years in the Norman area. He loved spending time with his sons, playing and watching sports. JR's faith led him to Westside Church of Christ where he was a Deacon before becoming a member of Alameda Church of Christ. JR will be remembered for his "one-liners" and his big heart.

JR is survived by his wife, Lisa Trousdale of Norman; two sons, Joe Ryan and Andrew, both of Norman; his mother, Toni Trousdale of Norman; two brothers, Andy and wife Lori and their daughter Taylor and D. Wayne and wife Emy and their sons Zach and Beau and daughter Brooke all of Norman; Aunt Betty and Uncle Dan Gary; cousin, Sally Gary; and a host of other family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Darrell Lee Trousdale.

Contributions may be made to the JR Trousdale Memorial Fund, Pauls Valley National Bank, P O Box 420, Pauls Valley, OK 73075 to assist children who have suffered the loss of a parent.

Visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2010 at Havenbrook Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the Alameda Church of Christ, 801 E. Alameda, Norman, with interment following in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Pauls Valley under the direction of Havenbrook

Funeral Home.

### Jimmie C. Anderson



Jimmie C. Anderson, 69, died on Monday, June 7, 2010. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Jimmie is survived by his wife Mikun, daughter Deborah, and sons James, Michael, and Robert, along with seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jimmie was born in Webb City, Oklahoma on April 29, 1941, the son of Herman and Edith Anderson. Having served 20 years of active duty and two tours in Vietnam, Jimmie retired from the U.S. Army on June 6, 1981 to Alamogordo, New Mexico, where he lived until his death. Jimmie was buried at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Ft. Bliss, Texas on June 9, 2010.

We will always remember his deep love of life, laughter, and family. He will be forever in our hearts and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

### Melvorn W. McCoy

Melvorn W. McCoy, 73 years of age, went home to be with the Lord on May 15, 2010. He was born on April 21, 1937 in Wichita, Kansas. When he was 18 months old, his family moved to San Bernardino, California, where his father obtained work with the Santa Fe Railway Company until his untimely death at age 43.

Melvorn ('Mel', as his family and friends lovingly called him) and his three siblings were raised in the post-Great Depression and WWII eras when money and jobs were

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## Mark A. Johnson

### For Legislator, District #7 Runoff Election

Thank you for your support, with 48% of the vote in the Election for District 7, we were only 7 votes short of winning the election outright in a three way race. I am humbled and honored by your support, but I need your vote one more time.



### What do you want in a District Legislator?

I asked you that question in May and after the June election, I think it's clear, you want change. And I want to see that you get the representation and support that you deserve in District 7. Change is a two way street, change will only happen if you exercise your right to be heard, and cast your vote in our District 7 Runoff Election process. I would be honored, if you trusted me with your vote.

### You know who I am.

I have spent the last 30 years in public service as a Firefighter, currently holding the rank of Battalion Chief with The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). And the last 18 years along with my wife Rita, as a successful business owner in the private sector with a company we started, Gear 911 Specialties. My experience will be used not only to serve members who reside in District 7, but to work in a Co-operative spirit for the betterment of the Nation.

### The challenges are great, but so are the opportunities.

Not only will we protect the seed corn, we will continue to grow more for our future, our children's future and the future of the Nation.

**Health Care** - we need to ensure that our members and their available benefits are protected in the coming months as we learn what the National Health Care program means to tribal governments.

**Sovereign Rights** - We need to stand shoulder to shoulder against outside governments who would like to fix their financial problems, at our expense.

Educational Scholarships, Housing Grants for closing costs, Health Aids, are all important programs to members of District 7 and they must be protected and expanded when the time is right.

## Honor

## Integrity

## Cooperation

Feel free to contact me with your thoughts. [Mark@Gear911.com](mailto:Mark@Gear911.com)  
Or (559) 351-0078

## Professionalism

## Vote for Mark A. Johnson - District #7

A proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Vieux & Johnson Families.



# Potawatomi Language Department

By the time you receive this edition of the *HowNiKan*, the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations will have come and gone. I hope that many of you took the opportunity to attend. For those of you who do not know, this is an annual meeting of the seven groups of Potawatomi within the United States and two in Canada. Hosting duties for Gathering rotate among the different Potawatomi Nations and tribes each year. Also there is an annual language conference which has been part of Gathering the last couple of years. Take an opportunity to attend one of these and meet some of your relatives among the other Potawatomi Nations.

It has been a very busy summer for the Language Department. The Festival was followed by the Potawatomi Gathering which included the Potawatomi Language Conference. We hope to start another beginner-level class soon for local participants.

Also, we are planning on doing more lunch classes online. They would be accessible to members across the country. We are also interested in the possibility of starting a class in Tulsa, Oklahoma, if the interest level warrants. In the past, several people from that area expressed interest in a language class. Please contact us to let us know if you are interested in classes in Tulsa, perhaps once or twice a month.

We are among the finalists for an Administration for Native Americans languages grant. If we get this grant, it will fund our de-

partment for the next two years, allowing us to hire several personnel including a language assistant and two language aides. The aides will allow us to spend even more time in the Child Development Center. We are very hopeful about receiving this grant but may not know until next month.

We continue to work on a series of movies and interactive tools to make the language learnable and engaging for both adults and young people. The website [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org) recently underwent a facelift, and we are trying to replace all of the material that was on the Website as well as adding additional audio and video tools and stories.

Another task we are working on is translating a number of modern rock, country and gospel songs into Potawatomi. We have been working such songs as Folsom Prison Blues, Will the Circle be Unbroken, Fly Away, Under the Bridge by Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Free Falling by Tom Petty. We hope to demonstrate that the language not only has a place in the past but also a place in today's world and in the future.

Other possible projects we are considering are more cultural stories in the language and in English. We are looking at the Litescribe.com technology for children's stories. We need artists to draw original artwork for children's and adults' stories. We are considering more videos in the language as well as conversational Potawatomi and perhaps a pocket conversational book.

We want to continue documenting the language with our remaining fluent speakers and acquiring some older materials, such as religious writings, which can help shed light on the history of the language and on older words which have fallen into disuse.

Some of the most common requests we get from tribal members are for translation of old family names and answers to cultural questions. Please don't hesitate to contact us; we will do our best to answer your question or find someone who can.

When it comes to names, they prove to be extremely challenging because often they are compound words or words which are no longer in use, or even words describing something which might not be known unless you know the story associated with the name. For example, consider "Shabne," which I have seen spelled at least 35 different ways. Shabne means "he who claws or breaks through." It refers to the attributes of a bear. But often I see it translated by non-Indian people as built like a bear. It refers to a bear but it doesn't literally mean built like a bear.

Our language is extremely descriptive. So, frequently, often times will be a description of the characteristics of a piece of land or animal. The other difficult thing is spelling. As I said before, you can see Shabnay's name written in a variety of ways. It depends on who recorded it for a treaty. There was no universal way of

writing/spelling. Often, whoever was writing did it the way he wanted to. This also creates a significant challenge.

Another question I get quite a bit is: "What clan am I a member of?" This is also a very challenging question. If we can look back at your family and see a particular name like "Little Bear Woman" or "Sound of Thunder," we can come up with what your family's clan is.

Traditionally, most people say we are patrilineal, which means descent goes through the males, though I have heard some people say it is matrilineal or descent through the women. Either way, to have a clan, you would have to have a continual line through the male side of your family. So your dad would have to be Potawatomi, along with your grandfather, your great-grandfather, your great-great-grandfather, etc. So, in reality, most people down here do not have a clan membership.

You might be able to trace what your clan was and thereby use that clan. But, for many families, the clan was important because of the role a person would play in certain ceremonies or within the community, or so you wouldn't marry into your clan. By the time our tribe got to Oklahoma, most of our people were Christian and somewhat acculturated. Thus, the clan had lost its value to a great degree. Sometimes, even when we trace a family back, we can't trace a family definitely to a specific clan.

## Native language bill passes Michigan State Senate

by Laura Weber – Interlochen Public Radio

A bill approved by the Michigan state Senate would allow experts in native languages to teach, even without a teacher certification. It would also make clear that these courses would satisfy a state second-language requirement.

Michigan state Sen. Mike Prusi sponsored the measure after speaking with tribes in his district about the need to preserve the languages. "It helps the tribes pass on the language and their heritage, and it allows the students to fulfill the requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum," Sen. Prusi said.

Dawn Hill is with the Hannahville Indian Community, a Potawatomi nation. She says

there is a renewed interest in preserving the native language. "In the classrooms in the schools, it's really been burgeoning," Hill says. "It is coming back, and there is a commitment to do so. So we're working with some of the last fluent speakers. That's the key."

Hill says the tribal language had been threatened with extinction, as the elders began to die.

The Native American language bill now heads to the Michigan House floor.

**View  
CPN Legislative meetings  
on [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org)**

## YOUR CPN LEGISLATOR NEEDS YOU!

**Due to privacy concerns, CPN legislators are not routinely given your street addresses. So, you as CPN citizens need to reach out to us!**

**If you are a District #2 resident (residing in D.C. or the states from Maryland to Florida and west to Arkansas), please send your contact information to Eva Marie Carney, Legislative Office District #2, 701 8th Street NW, Suite 340, Washington D.C. 20001, or just send an e-mail with the same information to me at my e-mail address: [evamariecarney@gmail.com](mailto:evamariecarney@gmail.com).\***

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## CPN member/ESF Professor Honored by SUNY Chancellor **Kimmerer named Distinguished Teaching Professor**

SYRACUSE, New York - Dr. Robin Kimmerer, a professor at the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), has been honored by SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher for her extraordinary achievement as a teacher, scholar, and mentor.

Dr. Kimmerer was appointed Distinguished Teaching Professor, which recognizes and honors mastery of teaching at the graduate, undergraduate, or professional levels. Candidates must have demonstrated consistently superior mastery of teaching, outstanding service to students, and commitment to their ongoing intellectual growth, scholarship, and professional growth, and adherence to rigorous academic standards and requirements.

Kimmerer has taught in ESF's Department of Environmental and Forest Biology since 1993. She received the John Burroughs Medal award for her book, *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses*. She received the ESF Foundation Award for Exceptional Achievement in Teaching, which celebrates the accomplishments of ESF faculty and staff members who excel at the art of teaching. She has also received the Undergraduate Student Association's Distinguished Teaching



*Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer*

Award twice and the Baobab Society's Faculty Member of the Year Award.

Kimmerer, who is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is the director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment at ESF. The center focuses on developing connections between traditional ecological knowledge and western scientific approaches.



*To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herbert Holton at 405-598-5984 or e-mail him at herb39h@yalornet.com.*

## **VOTE EXPERIENCE ELECT THOM FINKS**

### **AS YOUR LEGISLATOR, I PROMISE TO:**

- Continue to represent District #7 with integrity and mindfulness for the welfare of the Tribe,
- Promote legislation
- Expand benefits in the Districts
- Communicate tribal activity via the Website [www.cpdistrict7.com](http://www.cpdistrict7.com), which also holds information about local health clinics, native events, and Potawatomi-owned businesses. Through the guest-book, members can interact with one another to find family members and make comments in a casual environment



- Involve District #7 members more actively in traditional knowledge, language, and gatherings
- Respond to the needs of District #7 members in a timely manner

I am honored to include the following endorsement from one of my former opponents:

Dear CPN District #7 members,

First, I would like to thank all of you who voted and made your voices heard. Even though I was not elected to be your representative, I learned a lot and will still do whatever I can to support our tribe. We are now down to two candidates in a run-off election. My vote is for **Thom Finks**.



When deciding whom to vote for, I looked at the platform of each candidate. I ran because I wanted to connect District #7 members to services and to each other. **Thom** is the candidate who will do those things, as we've seen with the District #7 Website.

No matter who wins, we will have a representative who is a good person and who loves the Nation. And no matter who you decide to vote for, just make sure you vote!

Sincerely,  
*Jeanine Gaines*

When I was a child, my Grandmother always said, "Start your day with a clean heart and straight eyes." It is how I try to live my life.

Migwetch,  
*Thom Finks*

## **VOTE EXPERIENCE ELECT THOM FINKS**



## Komacheet earns FireLake Classic championship



*Robbie Komacheet of Shawnee, a Comanche tribal member, is less than a second away from holing out on the 18th to win the 36-hole FireLake Classic at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLake Golf Course on Sunday, August 1. Komacheet had his first-ever hole-in-one in earning the championship flight top money.*

## Hobdy's troupe wins in Prague



*Pictured, standing left to right, are J. Davis Hobdy and Charlene Ferensic. Seated left to right are Beth Kubacka, Ruth Kubacka, and Jennith Hoyt. (Photo courtesy New Prague Dance Festival)*

County Dance Conservatory has returned from its eighth appearance at New Prague Dance Festival in the Czech Republic with the "Dancing Hand Prize." This year, the school presented two tap dances, one musical theatre piece, and two modern works.

County Dance Conservatory participants included Citizen Potawatomi Nation member J. Davis Hobdy, the school's director, and Ken Armstrong, the managing director, as well as Heidi Menocal, ballet faculty, and Charlene Ferensic, Jennith Hoyt, Beth Kubacka, and Ruth Kubacka.

This year's festival was attended by more than 450 dancers from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, India, Israel,

Italy, Japan, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, Tajikistan, and the USA. Armstrong and Hobdy have been invited to take their school to Prague next year to help the festival celebrate its 15th anniversary.

County Dance Conservatory looks forward to a great performance season for 2010-2011 starting with appearances at the Anne Arundel, Maryland County Fair in September and its first appearance at the European Festival of Dance and Performing Arts to be held in Paris, France this October.

For more information about the school's upcoming performances and class schedule, visit it on the internet at [www.countydanceconservatory.com](http://www.countydanceconservatory.com) or call 410-353-8301.

## New CPN Members

The existing members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation welcome the following new members into CPN citizenship. Their membership was approved by the CPN legislature during its session on June 28, 2010.

Charles William Lucas Agnew, Christina Marie Alfonso, Greenlee Lark Anderson, Floyd Hickman Baldwin, Landan Marshall Beaman, Evan Taylor Bryant, Samuel Dean Bryce, Jarred Randel Chandler, Frederick Barnette Duncan Jr., Shonte Ann Duncan, Katelyn Abigail Eddy, Kyle Matthew Ehrlich, Ryan Alan Ehrlich, and Susan Annette Ehrlich.

Also, Samantha Grace Ellyson, Addyson Kaylee Estes, Cameron Donald Estes, James Eastman Flower, Christina Joanne Gloady, Lauren Elizabeth Gloady, Spenser Winn Gloady, Brandi Lea Gregory, Makayla Nicelle Hisaw, Alex Seven Holt, Cadence Marie Hopkins, Kyrie Ayden Johnson, Nathan Alex Johnson Jr., Mikaella Louise Kane, Aron Wayne Keys, and Byron Eli Knowles.

Also, Trent Michael Knowles, Zoe Mae

Lisle, Douglas Raymond Marquis, Bryce Fredrick McNally, Colby James Mears, Baylee Nicole Meidinger, Maggie Rae Nadea, Uriah Lee Nelson Jr., Ryan Lee Norris, Kristin Lynn Parker, Hunter Ollice Parnell, Skyler Jane Parnell, and Taylor Jordan Patterson-Nocktonick.

Also, Angelica Rose Poe, Calvin Joe Randolph, Jack Riley Reardon, Beverly Ann Rivers, Chloe Elise Scott, Travis Wayne Shawn, Emma Grace Singleton, Amanda Jo Smith, Cooper James-David and Smith, Jakobi Allen Smith, Rorie Taylor Smith,

Also, Barbie Dawn Sparrow, Kendra Ann Stewart, Krista Lee Stewart, Nathan Lawrence Stewart, Timothy Warren Stewart, Benjamin Ray Swanzy, Janice La Preal Swanzy, Thomas Michael Swanzy, Ariana Reese Tinney, Allison Taylor Tipton, Jack Nicholas Tipton, Kingston Andrae Traylor, Noah Joseph Vinter, Bethany Michelle Walker, Tharon Kole Wano, Grace Patcine Whipple, and Ciara Danielle Wright.



*Shiree Randell was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.*



**GOOD for you.**

**Our mother, Shiree,** was a wonderful mother and one of the most amazing women we have ever met. She raised three daughters, by herself, while she ran the family store. After we graduated she went back to college and earned a Bachelors in Psychology, she always loved helping people. Once she had grandchildren they became her passion. One morning, she collapsed, we found her unconscious, in her home. We waited and prayed for three days, when we got the unexpected news that she was brain dead. That's when LifeShare stepped in and told us that it was time for her to help someone else by being an organ donor. We had absolutely no idea what miracles our mother could perform even after she wasn't with us

anymore. Thank you, LifeShare, for helping us through a difficult time, and for showing us how much one life could help not one, but three others.

Organ, eye and tissue donation saves lives. Please make your decision to donate life, and then tell your family!

Register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your Oklahoma driver's license or state ID card, or register online at [www.lifeshareregistry.org](http://www.lifeshareregistry.org). If you don't have a license, or state ID card, and do not have internet access, call 800-826-LIFE (5433), and ask for a donor registration card.

**@GOOD for life.**



# July Means Success for FireLake Discount Foods

by Paige Willett & Andrew Adamietz

You've been waiting for 20 minutes. You look ahead at the FireLake Discount Foods checkout area and notice that all 15 checkout stands are full. Not only is your cart filled with party supplies, meats, and desserts for the upcoming July 4th weekend, but so are the eight shopping carts ahead of you.

That was the scene at FireLake Discount Foods early last month. That week was so successful for the tribe's grocery store, a new sales record was set at an impressive \$1.8 million dollars.

Richard Driskell, director of FireLake Discount Foods, says, "July 4th is typically our busiest week of the entire year; it beats Thanksgiving, Christmas, all of our major holidays."

The store grossed \$375,000 and served 8,000 customers on July 1st alone. By July 6th, the new record was reached at just under 2 million dollars. The three most popular items for the week included Pork n' Beans, Vienna Sausages, and T-Bone steaks. Name brand sodas, such as Coca-Cola and Pepsi, grossed \$38,000.

Driskell explains, "We are one of the highest-volume soda stores in the state. We do a lot of volume yearly and especially during that week with Coke and Pepsi products." He credits marketing and timing for the success of the store.

Nicole Sanchez, FireLake Foods marketing coordinator, says, "Generally, we mail out (sales flyer) to about 130,000 households, which there's about four people per



*FireLake Discount Foods manager Richard Driskell discusses the supermarket's success, a large portion of which is attributed to the hard work of such employees as Zack Taylor (at right).*

household, so your going to reach more than that, about double that."

FireLake Foods inserts sale flyers into 10 different newspapers, and reaches a 50-mile radius. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Reunion Festival added to the week's success. Many tribal members remained in the area after the festival, and FireLake was able to mail separate handouts for Festival and July 4th.

Being a tribal enterprise, FireLake Discount Foods is unique. Profit for the store means profit for the Nation, in that all taxes collected by the store benefit tribal programs. Driskell says, "It goes back to the Tribal Tax Authority that we send to them, instead of to the state. And then the tax authority for the Nation ends up dispersing that the way they choose to disperse it by their guidelines."

The tribe's involvement in the grocery business also stimulates the economy of the surrounding area. In Tecumseh at FireLake Express Grocery, three percent of the taxes col-

lected are given to the city as a gift.

FireLake Discount Foods has proven time and time again to be one of the tribe's most profitable enterprises. With annual sales of more than \$45 million, the store has frequently set new sales records since its opening in May 2001. The store has a commitment to its service, quality, and community, all of which contribute to the success of the store, and ultimately the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

*Paige Willett and Andrew Adamietz are 2010 participants in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Potawatomi Leadership Program. Both are studying Journalism in college, with an eye on careers in journalism. In the upcoming academic year, Paige will be a sophomore at The University of Oklahoma. Andrew will be a freshman at Penn State University.*



## CPN member Andy Young, 18, planned to be an architect

# Army Reserve enlistee lived his short life to the fullest

by TIM STANLEY – Tulsa World Staff Writer

**BOLEY, Oklahoma** - He had hoisted heavy barbells over his head countless times, but suddenly just lifting a pen was challenge enough to Andy Young. Even in those anxious moments, though, the Army Reserve enlistee and former high-school weightlifting star was resolved to finish what he started. "He couldn't speak while in the intensive care unit so he wrote notes by hand," Young's aunt Amanda Salisbury said. "The first one he wrote when he came to said, 'I want to finish.'"

Young, who planned to go to college to study architecture, was committed to an-

other goal first: becoming a soldier. His note indicated that he wanted to go back to boot camp, Salisbury said. "Andy was the kind of soldier that everybody wants," she added. "In the face of his own pain and fear, he still wanted so badly to be there."

After graduating from Okemah, Oklahoma High School in June, the Boley resident had reported to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for basic training. But a few weeks in, Young had to be taken to a hospital where he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia. Stephen Andrew 'Andy' Young died three weeks later on Au-

gust 11. He was 18.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2010 at Mangum, Oklahoma High School auditorium. A graveside service followed at Riverside Cemetery in Mangum with full military honors. People's Cooperative Funeral Home in Lone Wolf handled the arrangements.

Andy Young's plans for the future were already made. At age 17, with his parents' blessing, he had enlisted in the Army Reserve. Upon finishing basic, his plan was to begin technical training for a specialized

Reserve branch prepared to deal with chemical, biological, and nuclear attacks. Young was then going to start college at Oklahoma State University to become an architect. And that wasn't all. He also planned to marry his fiancée, Sarah Dyer. "Andy had amazing foresight and a tremendous sense of purpose," Salisbury said.

A two-time state champion in weightlifting, who also excelled at baseball and rodeo, Young "lived like he was dying," his mother Tammy Young, a CPN member, said. "He lived every moment like it was his last and never took anything for granted."

Young was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "His family is serious about their Indian heritage and it's important for them," Salisbury said.



**CPN member is academic & athletic standout****Emert tackles Furman University academic, athletic challenges**

The *HowNiKan* has chronicled the sterling high school athletic career of CPN member Tyler Bray, the California Small-School Quarterback of the Year in 2009 who is battling for the starting QB position at the University of Tennessee against former All-Pro QB Phil Simms' son Matt. CPN members can be proud of the accomplishments of a second tribal member who is a freshman on a college football team.

Charles Emert graduated from Statesboro, Georgia High School with both academic and athletic honors in May 2010. He has enrolled at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Emert earned Atlanta Journal-Constitution Class 4A All-State First-Team honors following the 2009 season as an offensive lineman. He played in the All-Star game at 6'2" tall and 280 pounds.

Emert played center in high school but also saw action at guard, tackle, and tight end and was his team's long-snapper for His South team pulled out at 27-20 win in the 2009 Georgia All-Star game.

In 2008, his Statesboro team was 11-2 in 2008, claiming an Elite 8 finish in Georgia. In his senior season, Statesboro went 6-4 in the regular season and lost to Evans-Lakeside in the first round of the playoffs.

During his senior year in high school, Emert was voted 'Mr. Senior' by faculty members and was indicated into the National Society of High School Scholars.

Emert's family is not new to athletic or career achievements. His father, Dr. Richard Emert, is retired military. Charles' cousin Matt Chatham played for the New England Patriots from 2000 through 2005, earning three Super Bowl championship rings in the process. He also played two seasons for the New York Jets.

Chatham was a linebacker. Possibly, his most notable play was the leveling of a streaker, identified as Mark Francis Roberts, as he ran from security personnel during Super Bowl XXXVIII. The play ranks #50 on ESPN's Greatest Super Bowl moments. When he was asked about tackling the streaker, Chatham said, "I wanted to knock him down but not wrap up." He added, "Was I surprised? Hell, no. I play for Bill Belichick. You don't think we watched film on that guy all week? I'd seen every-



*CPN member Charles Emert is beginning his academic and athletic careers at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina as a Paladin.*

thing there is to see." Emert first played competitive football at age seven in Richmond Hill, Georgia. Success came early as his Richmond Hill Recreation Wildcats won three district championships.

The Emerts moved to Statesboro as Charles entered sixth grade. He earned academic honor roll placement each of his six semesters at Statesboro's William James Middle School. He repeated that for his eight semesters of high school. He was in the top five percent of his high school graduating class, was a member of the Fellow-

ship of Christian Athletes and Key Club, and was selected to participate in the National Young Leaders State Conference in Georgia.

Emert says he plans to major in Business Administration and/or Accounting at Furman.

The Paladins play in the Southern Conference. The other members of the conference are Appalachian State, Chattanooga, The Citadel, Elon, Georgia Southern, Samford, Western Carolina, and Wofford.

Under Coach Bobby Lamb, the Paladins were 6-5 (5-3 conference) in 2009. They

played two games against top-tier college teams, losing to Missouri 52-12 and Auburn 63-31. The Paladins' games tend to be high-scoring; In 2009, they were outscored 346-340, averaging more than 30 points scored and given up. The Furman offense averaged more than 230 yards per game through the air and more than 140 rushing.

The roster on the Paladins' Website indicates Emert is 6'3" tall and weighs 286 heading into his freshman season. He will wear jersey #54.

The Paladins open their 2010 season at home against Colgate at 2:00 p.m. on September 11. They travel to Columbia, South Carolina for a 7:00 p.m. game against the Gamecocks on September 18 then return home on September 25 to host The Citadel.

Meanwhile, Tyler Bray has performed well in two Tennessee Volunteers scrimmages in early August. On Saturday, August 14, Bray finished 16-of-28 passing for 246 yards, while junior college transfer Matt Simms was 11-of-22 for 235 yards and three touchdowns. One of those scoring tosses was for 64 yards to freshman Justin Hunter, who caught five balls for 128 yards in a standout performance.

In a Tuesday, August 10 scrimmage, Bray added 11-of-22 completions for 153 yards and a tipped-TD pass of 49 yards later in the afternoon to Denarius Moore. Simms is listed as the starting quarterback at this point.

Playing in the tough Southeast Conference, the Vols will open their 2010 season in a 6:00 p.m. home game against Tennessee-Martin on September 4. They are at home against the PAC-10's Oregon Ducks for a 7:00 p.m. kickoff on September 11. Then, they host the Tim Tebow-less Florida Gators at 3:30 p.m. on September 18, to open their Southeast Conference schedule.

Interested CPN members will be able to follow the fortunes of the Paladins and Vols on [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org) and in the *HowNiKan* as two tribal members test their football skills.

Shop for bargains  
at  
*FireLake Discount Foods*



## Artist of the Month: Laura Weinstein

My name is Laura Weinstein, and I live in Kansas City, Missouri. Mkoskwe (Little Bear Woman) is my Potawatomi name. We are Bear clan; I am a Bourassa and Curly descendant.

There are many very talented artists in our family, whom I look up to and admire. I have had great teachers who inspired me. All of them have challenged me and pushed me to look outside the box. Thus, I was excited when Penny Coates called me to be the Artist of the Month. Then I asked myself, "What do I do?"

I thought long and hard, and came up with nothing! I slept on it for a week, then it came to me as I was beading on the loom. I have taken numerous art classes at Maplewoods Community College, Fiber being my favorite. I paint, draw, and make paper. I have tried finger-weaving, ribbonwork, jewelry design, and making healing salve.

I have to say that I love the beading in the winter. During spring and early summer,



I gather plants to make healing salve. I dabble in natural medicines as well. I am always busy doing something. I love trying something new.

And, I am thankful for my Native Heritage. It is a blessing that I cherish.



*This was Laura Weinstein's entry in the 2010 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Art Contest at the Family Reunion Festival.*

# CPN Housing Authority

## HOME-OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority plans to purchase 13 homes with our federal Recovery Act funds. We will also offer a sizable mortgage buy-down.

This is a limited program.

These homes will be near the CPN tribal complex and its enterprises. The homes will also be in a price range that makes them affordable.



To be eligible for these homes the applicant must be:

- 1) enrolled in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.
- 2) within HUD's current income-limit guidelines.
- 3) making application to purchase the home as the occupant's primary residence.
- 4) credit-worthy, according to the application guidelines of First National Bank & Trust of Shawnee.
- 5) free of any felony conviction which includes all household members.

The tribal member's total household income must qualify at the time of application and at the time of purchase.

For more information or an application, please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager, CPN Housing, at 273-2833 or at [SByers@Potawatomi.org](mailto:SByers@Potawatomi.org).





## Library Musings

### On The Art of

#### Stealing Potawatomi Human Rights

About this time in 1967, Sydney J. Harris passed on. He wrote a column I was fond of called "Things I Found on My Way to Looking up Other Things." I found the following excerpts from that column in a speech delivered by Gerry Gambill at a conference on Human Rights at Tobique Reserve, New Brunswick, Canada, in August 1958. In this speech, Mr. Gambill warned native people how this society (or its imitators) goes about taking away native people's human rights.

Mr. Gambill's admonitions and advice reminded me so much of situations that I have encountered that I was compelled to make some observations about techniques I have seen used to strip Indians of their human rights.

1. Make him a non-person. Human rights are for people. Convince Indians their ancestors were savages, that they were pagan, that Indians were drunkards. Make them wards of the government. Make a legal distinction, as in the Indian act, between Indians and persons. Write history books that tell half the story.

2. Convince the Indian that he should be patient, that these things take time. Tell him, "We are making progress, and progress takes time."

3. Make him believe that things are being done for his own good. Tell him you're sure that after he has experienced your laws and actions that he will realize how good they have been. Tell the Indian he has to take a little of the bad in order to enjoy the benefits you are conferring on him.

4. Get some Indian people to do the dirty work. There are always those who will act for you to the disadvantage of their own people. Just give them a little honor and praise. This is generally the function of band councils, chiefs, and advisory councils; they have little legal power, but can handle the tough decisions such as welfare, allocation of housing, etc. (Unless leaders have let their oversight slip.)

5. Consult the Indian, but do not act on the basis of what you hear. Tell the Indian he has a voice and go through the motions of listening. Then interpret what you have heard to suit your own needs.

6. Insist that the Indian "go through proper channels." Make the channels and the procedures so difficult that he won't bother to do anything. When he discovers what the



Jerry W. Lewis

proper channels are and becomes proficient at the procedures, change them.

7. Make the Indian believe that you are working hard for him, putting in much overtime and at a great sacrifice, and imply that he should be appreciative. This is the ultimate in skills for stealing human rights; when you obtain the thanks for your victim

8. Allow a few individuals to "make the grade," then point to them as examples. Say that the 'hard workers and the 'good Indians'" Indians have made it, and that therefore it is a person's own fault if he doesn't succeed.

9. Appeal to the Indian's sense of fairness, and tell him that even though things are pretty bad it is not right for him to make strong protests. Keep the argument going on his form of protest and avoid talking about the real issue. Refuse to deal with him while he is protesting. Take all the fire out of his efforts.

10. Encourage the Indian to take his case

to court. This is very expensive, takes lots of time and energy, and is very safe because laws are stacked against him. The court's ruling will defeat the Indian's cause, but makes him think he has obtained justice.

11. Make the Indian believe that things could be worse and that, instead of complaining about the loss of human rights, he should be grateful for the rights he does have. In fact, convince him that to attempt to regain a right he has lost is likely to jeopardize the rights that he still has.

12. Set yourself up as the protector of the Indian's human rights; then you can choose to act only on those violations you wish to act upon. By being successful on a few minor violations of human rights, you can point to these as examples of your devotion to his cause. The burglar who is also the doorman is the perfect combination.

13. Pretend that the loss of human rights is for some reason other than that the person is an Indian. Tell him some of your best

friends are Indians, and that his loss of rights is because of his housekeeping, his drinking, his clothing, etc.

14. Make the situation more complicated than is necessary. Tell the Indian you will have to take a survey to find out how many other Indians are being discriminated against. Hire a group of professors to make a year-long research project

15. Insist on unanimity. Let the Indian know that when all the Indians in Canada, for instance, can make up their minds about just what they want as a group, then you will act. Play one group's special situation against another group's wishes.

16. Select very limited alternatives, none of which has much merit, and then tell the Indian that indeed he has a choice. Ask, for instance, if he would rather have council elections in June or December, instead of asking if he wants them at all.

17. Convince the Indian that the leaders who are the most beneficial and powerful are dangerous and not to be trusted. Or, simply lock them up on some charge like driving with no lights. Or, refuse to listen to the real leaders and spend much time with the weak ones. Keep the people split from their leaders by sowing rumors. Attempt to get the best leaders into high-paying jobs where they have to keep quiet to keep their paycheck coming in.

18. Speak of the common good. Tell the Indian that he can't consider himself when there is a whole nation to think of. Tell him that he can't think only of himself. For instance, in regard to hunting rights, tell him we have to think of all the hunters, or the sporting goods industry.

19. Remove rights so gradually that people don't realize what has happened until it is too late. Again, in regard to hunting rights, first restrict the geographical area where hunting is permitted, then cut the season to certain times of the year, then cut the limits down gradually, then insist on licensing, and then Indians will be on the same grounds as white sportsmen.

20. Rely on some reason and logic (your reason and logic) instead of rightness and morality. Give thousands of reasons for things, but do not get trapped into arguments about what is right.

21. Hold a conference on human rights; have everyone blow off steam and tension, and go home feeling things are well in-hand.



## Real Estate Services

Your Department of Real Estate Services is located in the northwest corner of the second floor of the First National Bank Building - Suite 204. The staff is in their offices most of the time; however, the duties of several of the staff require them to be away from their desks from time to time. It is recommended that, if you have business with any particular staff member, you call and set up an appointment. The number is 405-395-0113.

**FEE-TO-TRUST TRANSACTIONS:** Several additional properties have now gone into trust, including the Nichols Property, a 1.4 acre housing project in the southeast corner of the City of Tecumseh; Sue Bird Property, 97.36 acres north of the Deer Creek at the Grand Casino; and the Coker Property, two acres on the east side of Gordon Cooper Drive just south of the bridge. Title to these properties now reads "owned by the United States of America in Trust for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

**PIPELINE LEASES:** The pipeline lease with BKET Crude, LLC, on CP 900 Madeline Denton allotment will expire shortly. The renewal process is underway. The easement has been appraised, and BKET Crude, LLC has made an offer. Letters were sent to the owners asking for approval or denial of the lease renewal offer. If you receive a letter, please reply promptly. A majority of share owners must agree before further action can be taken.

**FARMING & GRAZING LEASES:** A

lease sale on nine allotments was held on August 5, 2010, and six bids were received. Lease award letters are being sent to the successful bidders on allotments CP 87 Ellen Yott, CP 100 Joseph Haas, CP 714 Cora Gregson, and CP 1325 D. Harriet Pratt. Bids received for allotments CP 326 Myra-Nahk-sa, CP 575 E. Almira Bayliss, and CP C 33 Mary Bourbonnais did not meet appraised value. A letter is being sent to those bidders notifying them that their bids did not meet the appraised value and giving the bidders the opportunity to increase their bids. No bids were received for allotments CP 395 Peter Curley, CP 809 Frank Davis, and CP C 133 John Phelps. DRES will hold another lease sale this fall, and these allotments will be in that sale.

**ALLOTMENT DATA BASE PROJECT:** The Allotment Data Base Project is now complete, and the data is available in the Department of Real Estate Services. The combined total of allotments to CPN members in 1872 and 1887 was 1,489, encompassing 214,053 acres. The average allotment size was 107.5 acres, and the average age of the allottees was 21.8 years. In 1887, 564 allotments were given to members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe totaling 70,207 acres. The average size of those allotments was 91.2 acres, and the average age of the allottees was 18.25 years.

**DID YOU KNOW?** CPN has jurisdiction over 9,006 surface acres including fee lands, trust lands, and allotted lands.



SPAR is pleased to announce that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has again made a donation so CPN members can have their pets spayed or neutered at no cost to members.

To apply, members call the SPAR voicemail at 405-702-7727, and press option #1. Leave a message that you are applying for the CPN spay/neuter program. Leave your name, mailing address, phone number(s), and e-mail address (if available). A SPAR representative will reply, sending paperwork to which you will attach a copy of your tribal membership card or other photo ID, if your card does not contain a photo.

Upon verification, the member will be sent a certificate to present to the veterinarian for the surgery. The certificate must be used before the expiration date it bears. SPAR will make appointments with the veterinarian the member chooses.

No other services, aside from a rabies shot, will be covered. Pets need to be healthy and parasite-free when presented for surgery. Puppies and kittens need to be at least six months old at the time of surgery.

CPN members anywhere in the U.S. are eligible for this assistance.

## District #8 CPN Potluck & Craft Event

Saturday, September 11, 2010 – 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Olympia, WA  
Please join the fun and make a "Potawatomi Original"!

Craft lessons taught by Potawatomi and other Native artists:  
Beaded Keychains  
Moccasins  
Medicine Bags

Bring a side dish or desert to share. - Pizza and pop provided.

**Location: Gull Harbor Church Facility  
4610 Boston Harbor Road NE  
Olympia, WA 98506**

Please call or e-mail to RSVP - Legislator Dave Carney, District #8  
Legislative Office Numbers: 877.335.4395 or 360.753.4395  
DCarney@Potawatomi.org.

**FIRELAKE CASINO**

# OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 2010**  
SHOTGUN START AT 8:30AM

**TWO MAN SCRAMBLE: \$100 ENTRY PER TEAM**

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## Elder of the Month – Opal Sullivan

by Sheila Hughes

The Citizen Potawatomi bloodline runs deep within all of us. Our Elder of the Month, Opal Baldwin Rhodd Bourbonnais Sullivan has deep roots in our CPN genealogy, and it is with honor we present her life to you.

Opal was delivered by her grandmother Rhodd on September 26, 1916. As a child, she attended Sacred Heart School. She said, “My dad didn’t have the money for tuition so we worked at the school doing laundry, dishes, and so forth. We would play baseball (and) basketball, and we would have picnics at the springs. The classes were difficult. After being promoted to the 11th grade, I chose to leave school.”

Opal relates the story of her life after school. “I met my husband, Ray Sullivan, at a dance. When we danced, he asked me out for the next Saturday night,” she said. The pair dated for a year before they married on December 24, 1935.

“We lived with Ray’s parents, and helped them with their farm,” Ms. Sullivan recalled. “I remember pulling hundred-pound sacks of cotton when I was pregnant with our first child.”

After three years of saving, Opal and ray bought their first home. Times were hard back then; the Sullivans lived on okra and whatever meat Ray would bring in from hunting or fishing.

One night, according to Opal, there was a commotion. “I could hear geese flying over our house,” she related. “Ray jumped up out of bed and grabbed the gun. In the moonlight, he shot one of those geese. We had a real feast with that goose.”



*CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps drapes a gift Pendleton blanket around Opal Sullivan's shoulders following the 2010 General Council meeting.*

After a decade of the grueling work as farmers, the Sullivans both obtained other employment. Opal worked on a chicken farm for awhile, then worked at the Sylvania plant in Shawnee, Oklahoma for ten or 11 years - until the plant closed. “We made radio tubes,” she said. “Ray and I continued to garden. Ray grew the best tomatoes and watermelons.”

In March of 1996 Ray fell ill and walked on within 24 hours. Opal is now surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren - even some great-great-grandchildren. She is a long-time member of St. Benedict’s Catholic Church. She has taken great interest in tribal activities throughout the years. About a year ago, Opal became ill. We urge you all to lift her up in your prayers for comfort and stability.

## FireLake Gifts

Inside the CPN Cultural Heritage Center  
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. - Shawnee  
Pendleton Blankets,  
Beading Supplies,  
Art, Books, Native Music,  
and much, much more

### INVITATION TO OUR NEXT DISTRICT #2 EVENT GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR POTAWATOMI HERITAGE AT THE SMITHSONIAN ARCHIVES!

Our next District #2 Event is in Suitland, Maryland on Friday, October 29, 2010. At 2 p.m., we'll view Potawatomi objects and artifacts in the Smithsonian's collection and learn how our items are stored and displayed at the Archives of the Museum of the American Indian. We are limited to 25 participants, so please reserve your spot by contacting me today. Photos and information about the grouping of Smithsonian items we saw in the Spring are in the Photo section of my Website, [evamariecarney.com](http://evamariecarney.com). Another virtual tour will be posted there soon.

You are also invited to be my guest for an Indian buffet meal beforehand, at Taj Majal, 3610 Old Silver Hill Road, Suitland (phone: 301-316-0046) starting at 12:30 p.m. Taj Majal is just up the road from the Archives, and this will be a chance to visit informally with other Potawatomis.

Driving and Metro directions to the Archives at 4220 Silver Hill Road can be found here: [www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=collections&second=crc&third=hours](http://www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=collections&second=crc&third=hours). There is a shuttle bus that leaves from the History Museum downtown, too. You can MapQuest or Google the restaurant, Taj Majal.

RSVP today to Rep. Eva Marie Carney at [ecarney@potawatomi.org](mailto:ecarney@potawatomi.org), write to me at Legislative District #2, Portrait Building/701 8th Street NW, #340, Washington, D.C. 20001, or call toll-free at 866-961-6988. I hope to see you there!

*And, please, take a minute to let me know you are out there; if I don't have your contact details already, please provide them to me by e-mail, US mail or phone! I look forward to hearing from you and your family members.*

### THANK YOU!

To those individuals who put their trust in me with your vote: Thank You! I am honored to have been able to participate in this past election and very honored to have received your votes. To any CPN member, if I can be of assistance in some non-elected capacity, feel free to contact me at 360-574-5658 or 360-885-9800.

*Clyde B. Slavin, O.D.*

### Eccentric

The word eccentric is an adjective that describes something or someone that is out of the center. We often label eccentric individuals as odd, nut-cases, irritating. In the history of the Indians who lived in what is now the United States of America, we have had many eccentric individuals. Crazy Horse, Buffalo Calf Woman, Chief Joseph, Red Cloud, Captain Jack, and John Tipton were all eccentric; they stood out of the crowd when it was necessary.

Within our tribe today we have leaders who are eccentric by the simple fact that they have chosen to lead rather than be part of the general membership. We are extremely fortunate to be part of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a tribe that is led by highly dedicated individuals and a tribe that has an underlying and pervasive respect for doing right.

Many Indians will tell you how respectful and honorable we (Indians) are of Mother Earth, Grandparents (ancestors), Traditions (things or ideas handed on) while they personally bury the hatchet in the back of a living opponent who happens to be eccentric. I choose to honor the spirit of the living as well as the memory of the dead.

We need eccentric Citizen Potawatomi. We need to listen to our leaders, our families, our friends, and our opponents because we never know where the information we need to make the proper decisions will come from.

Support and help direct each of our elected “eccentrics”. Chairman John Barrett, Vice-Chairwoman Linda Capps, Representative Dave Carney, and the rest of the legislature deserve a big thank you for their work and commitment to our tribe and our individual well-being.

May your travels as a Citizen Potawatomi be filled with wonder and awe of what we have received.

Clyde B. Slavin, A Son of the People of the Fire, Great-grandson of John Tipton's sister-in-law





# Legislative Columns

## District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan,

Another Family Reunion Festival has passed, and it was a great one. I got to meet lots of new friends and, of course, became reacquainted with family and meet new family members. This one was especially interesting as I met a young lady who provided some interesting information about our family that I was not aware of. That means that I will be spending some time at the Cultural Heritage Center researching this new information. If you have not been to the culture center, you are missing one of our nation's many great assets.

Chairman John Barrett, half of our great leadership team of Barrett and (Linda) Capps, has designed a shade arbor for our arena. This might be a first for an arena the size of ours. Chairman Barrett and a team of electricians and maintenance people installed the shade arbor and new lights during the Festival. I am sure everything will be up and running for the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations, August 6th through 8th. If all works as well as I'm sure it will, the shade will be greatly appreciated by the northern Potawatomis, who are never prepared for August in Oklahoma.

The theme for the Gathering this year is language. Our language department, headed by director Justin Neely, will hold meetings in which you will hear native speakers speaking our language and other language departments discussing our language and the importance of keeping it alive.

So far, I have mentioned three of our Nation's assets: The Cultural Heritage Center and FireLake Gift Shop, Karen Phillips, Executive Director; Language Department, Justin Neely, Director; and Electrical Department, Randy Story, Director. So, why not mention more of the departments that make our Nation the great entity that it is?

These include: Construction, Bill Smith; Community Development Corporation, Kristi Coker; Employment and Training, Carol Clay-Levi and Margret Zientek; Environmental, Art Muller; Family Violence Prevention, Janet Draper; Gaming Commission, Jason Greenwalt; Health Aids, Joyce Abel, RN; Health Services, Dr. Cory



Spurlock, Clinic Administrator and Joe Larue, Pharmacist; Housekeeping, Tim Zientek (You have seen all the young people picking up the grounds at the Festival? Thank you, Tim); Housing Authority, Robert Carlile; Marketing, Brad Peltier; Office of Environmental Health, Kurtis Silas; Public Information, Michael Dodson; Public Works, Richard Kunze; Purchasing, Lenny Szlag; Realty Charles Meloy; Self-Governance, Rhonda Butcher; Court Administrator/Tag Office, Junia Climer; Title VI, Denise Smith; Travel, Cathie Hanson; Tribal Police, Donald Warren; Tribal Rolls, Charles Clark; Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition, Shelly Schneider; Boxing Commission, Joey Miller; and Election Committee, Gary Bourbonnais.

If you have questions about any of these departments or need assistance and don't know who to contact, please let me know. I will try to help or put you in touch with someone who can.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Capps on her landslide victory for re-election as Vice Chairman in the latest election and welcome new legislator Rande Payne. Welcome! I'm looking forward to working with you for the next four years.

I also want to advise you that my home e-mail has changed, it is now [rjslavin@gmail.com](mailto:rjslavin@gmail.com). I can also be reached at [rslavin@potawatomi.org](mailto:rslavin@potawatomi.org) or by phone at 888-741-5767.

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Rep. Roy Slavin, District #1

## District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho nikan/Hello friends,

I'm writing in the midst of what seems an all-Oklahoma – or at least an all-CPN – summer. During mid-June I travelled to Georgia and named three lovely Potawatomi women – Lynda Williams, Diana Bell, and Dixie Quinn, during a lovely ceremony held at my relatives' cabin in the Carrollton woods. It was attended by family and friends.

It was crazy to learn that fellow Potawatomi Bill Anderson, who lives in Carrollton, has know my relatives for years – Bill and his wife Kellie were able to attend, as were Ralph Bergeron Bazhaw and his wife Lois, who travelled from North Carolina. Ralph served as our firekeeper, as he did for the Ziegler Family namings held in North Carolina last fall. He and I hope to work together in this fashion in the future. One of the great blessings of my legislative service is meeting and building friendships with folks like the Andersons and Bazhaws.

Late June brought the Family Reunion Festival, which about 30 Juneau relatives proudly attended as representatives of one of the year's Honored Families. We Juneaus "represented" Saturday night during the Hand Games, when we progressed to the final round of competition. We ultimately lost to representatives of the Frapp/Clardy families. (Both families also were Honored Families this year.)



We really bonded during that competition (see photos below)! I am proud to report that my brother Dave Carney won a decisive victory in his re-election campaign for District #8 Legislator. The results were announced at the Saturday General Council meeting. Additionally, Mrs. Linda Capps, whom I deeply admire, was re-elected for another term as our Vice Chairman.

We were also honored to have with us in Shawnee Robert Perry, who has written a beautiful book, *Uprising*, chronicling the life and work of one of our celebrated Potawatomi artists, Woody Crumbo. At the Heritage Center on Friday morning, Mr. Perry offered to an appreciative audience a





very interesting account of Mr. Crumbo's life and how the book came to be. I now have an autographed copy of the book as part of the District #2 library, and am happy to lend it out; please inquire!

Dave's wife Nicole and their four great kids attended the Festival, and it was a blast to experience the Festival through their eyes – which were certainly bright! All four helped me judge the fry bread competition, held during the Saturday morning of the Festival, a year in which ALL the entries were amazingly tasty. (I say amazingly because most of the entrants had never, ever made fry bread, and it cooks in a cast iron pan over a wood fire, in the Oklahoma heat (!). But, they received great instruction from Margaret Zientek and Theresa Talbot, among others).

My nieces and nephews were thrilled with Grand Entry on Saturday night (when everyone, dressed in regalia, enters the Arena behind our Color Guard and Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary, and honors those who have come before us). They loved the Mini-Putt, which was made comfortable by the addition of a roof and special fans. And, they ate more than their share of hot dogs!

Luke, the 11-year-old, said it's one of the best times he's ever had., Sophia, the youngest, expressed interest in honeymooning in Oklahoma when she is old enough to marry (her parents celebrated their wedding anniversary right after the Festival, and honeymooned in a spot that's a close second to OK - Italy!).

A photo travelogue of much of what we saw and did during the Festival is posted to my Website, so please check it out at [evamariemarney.com](http://evamariemarney.com), under Photos. Webmaster Nick Carney has made some enhancements to the Website, and I hope you will find it easier to locate information you need when you visit the site.

In early August, I'll return to Shawnee for the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations. The CPN is honored to host this year. This event brings together all the Potawatomi tribes. I am looking forward to sharing economic development, language instruction and cultural information with other Potawatomis and to dancing and sharing meals together.

And September holds a return trip to Northwest Arkansas to name one of our esteemed elders Tokee Lacey and her son Lee Lacey in Blowing Springs Park, and then to celebrate Lee's naming of his children and

grandchildren during the ceremony. I was there in May to attend the Executive's Area Gathering in Bentonville, Arkansas. If any reader is interested in attending the Arkansas namings, perhaps even in receiving a Potawatomi name during that time, please contact me today. You will be most welcome! And, you don't need to live in District #2 to participate.

The Legislature met on the Monday after the conclusion of the Festival, and accomplished the following, among other things:

1. Enacted a flood damage prevention ordinance (the ordinance is found at <http://www.potawatomi.org/images/files/Flood%20Damage%20Prevention%20Ordinance.pdf>), the purpose of which is to "promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas", and authorized the Nation to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (only local governments with flood ordinances can participate in the federal government's insurance program);

2. Enacted a criminal sexual conduct ordinance (the ordinance is found at <http://www.potawatomi.org/images/files/Criminal%20Sexual%20Conduct%20Code%20Ordinance.pdf>), the purpose of which is to "clarify the procedures and evidence used by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for sex offender prosecution, registration, and notification," and its intent is to "implement the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2007"). Through this initiative, we will help prevent sexual assaults and keep the public informed regarding sexual offenders in tribal jurisdiction;

3. Approved submission of applications for funding that will permit our Nation to (a) inform and assist our elders about the benefits available to them through Medicare Part D, the Low-Income Subsidy, the Medicare Savings Program or Medicare prevention benefits and screenings; and (b) enter into a grant agreement with the Indian Health Service, for the 14th year, for over \$600,000 to continue our Special Diabetes Program aimed at diabetes prevention and education, among other services;

4. Voted to petition the Federal Government to move the Barnett property (about an acre of land) into trust, thereby expanding the area in which we as a Nation exercise our authority;

5. Admitted 71 new citizens, including four District #2 folks: Frederick Duncan Jr. and Shonte Ann Duncan, Kristin Parker,

and Floyd Hickman Baldwin. [During our May session, we admitted another 18 citizens from District #2: Charleigh Bohannon, Kaitlyn Lawless (my second cousin, named after our Aunt Kate); Carson Moody, David and Alexandra Wall, Laura Summer, Thomas and Iris Savatovsky, Tricia Beasley, Jamie Dion, Timothy Cote, Amelia Thomas, Mary and Amelia Anderson (Georgian Bill Anderson's girls), Joseph Hills, Kaydence Flynn, and Morgan and Conner McKinley.]; and

6. Considered parameters for conduct of hearings on potential disenrollments of citizens who are alleged to have acted inconsistently with the membership standards.

On the economic development front, we discussed plans to build an eight-story-or-taller hotel as part of the FireLake Grand Casino complex, as well as a small guest hotel on reservation land near the Clinic and Administration Buildings, to house folks on CPN business. I hope you, like I, are looking forward to staying at one or both of these facilities in 2011!

If you will be at the August Gathering of Nations, please look me up. I will have access to e-mail, so please e-mail me at [evamariemarney@gmail.com](mailto:evamariemarney@gmail.com) so we can meet up. I would be honored to visit with you if your schedule allows.

And, as always, a final plea: Please please send me your e-mail address or call or write me with your contact details. The legislators are NOT given access to the

Nation's database of citizen names and addresses! Out of concern for your privacy, the contact details are not released to us. The Nation has solicited your contact details for us legislators through a clip-and-return request printed in the HowNiKan. One is printed on the back page of this paper. That's how I know about some of you. Otherwise, we are gathering these ourselves, from folks who reach out to us and let us know they are willing to receive e-mails or calls from their legislators. I hope you are willing to hear from me periodically about District #2 events and CPN initiatives. If so, please let me know today.

And I hope that you will encourage any and all of your family members to provide their information to me, too. It's the way we are building community and the means by which you can have your questions answered and any concerns or ideas addressed.

Migwetch/thank you and bama mine/until next time,

*Eva*

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## District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, friends),

The last few months have been very busy for all of your elected representatives. The Vice-chairman, Linda Capps, Treasurer, D. Wayne Trousdale, and representatives from districts five, six, seven, and eight were all up for election this year. In this issue of the HowNiKan is a report from the editor on the results of the election held on June 26th. I am very happy that Mrs. Capps was re-elected and that D. Wayne Trousdale ran unopposed. There will be a run-off election for district seven because no candidate received more than 50% of the votes.

We have had two recent legislative sessions that were broadcast over the live-stream feed from the Potawatomi.org Website. One was on May 27, and the other was on the Monday after Family Reunion Festival, on June 28. Collectively, 30 legislative resolutions were brought forward



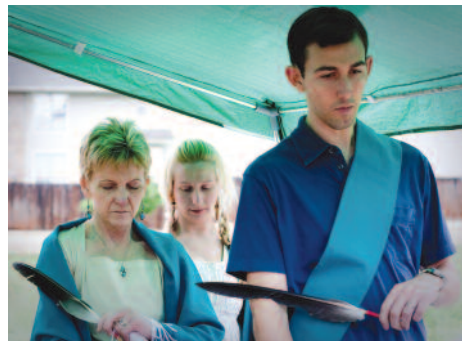
and voted on. Included were resolutions enrolling new tribal members. In May, 173 applicants were enrolled. In June, the number of enrollees was 63. We are the ninth-largest tribe in the U.S., with a population



in excess of 29,000!

Other legislation dealt with applications for funding in a variety of areas, ranging from fee-to-trust land acquisition, lower income homes, and energy assistance to Medicare outreach funding, special diabetes programs, and CPN participation in the national flood insurance program, just to name a few.

On another subject, here in north Texas, I was able to hold a naming and feather ceremony on April 17. I have included a photo that shows Elisa Berger, her daughter Dana Berger, and nephew Josh Terry participating in the eagle feather ceremony.



At the Family Reunion Festival on Saturday morning, a naming ceremony was held for Delora Campbell of Bakersfield, California. The photo shows Delora and her sponsors Theresa Adame and Rande Payne.



On Sunday morning, the Chairman held a naming ceremony in which many tribal members received their names.

As mentioned last month, I will hold naming ceremonies from time to time in our district; if you wish to be named, please let me know.

While in Shawnee for our June festival, I met briefly with the person I hope to have here to give classes on beading and/or ribbonwork. I need to hear from you to see if there is sufficient interest to hold a class. Classes could be held in both north and south Texas, depending on the number of interested district three members.

The notice for this may be short. So please send me an e-mail and include where you are located in Texas. So far, only two members in district three have advised of any interest, and we need more than that to justify flying someone in to hold a class.

With regard to the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas, we just awarded one \$1,000.00 scholarship and ten \$150.00 scholarships for college students. We are revising the scholarship application. Very shortly, the AICCT will post information on two additional \$1,000.00 scholarships that will be awarded in November of this year.

Those scholarships will be open to all Texas Native Americans who plan to be in college this coming fall (2010) and next spring (2011).

As a member of the AICCT Board, I routinely receive information on scholarships, job opportunities, business RFPs, and HUB bids and data on a variety of areas. I forward that information out via the e-mail address list I have for our district membership. The list is very small, and I know that there are many of you out there who could benefit from some of this information.

So please, send me your e-mail address. It is the only vehicle I have to get you information on very short notice. If some of that information isn't of interest to you, it can be deleted with a "click"!

Until next edition, Bama pi (later).

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## District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Friends,

It has been a great summer, but as always it is going too fast. As I write, I am excited about attending the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations in Shawnee. I am excited to once again be traveling to Shawnee.

As I look forward to this event, I think back about how busy this summer has been. I was lucky to be in contact with the Westar Green Team. They have a project in the community, working in conjunction with the City of Topeka.

It is likely that many of you have fond memories of Burnett's Mound (now named Skyline Park). It once belonged to Chief Abram Burnett. When I was young, you could look up and see the top of the mound; others have told me they played baseball there. But, for many years, it has become overgrown with trees and brush. The project will be working to return the mound to native Kansas prairie grass. It will also include walking trails.

It was several hours of hard work by a very knowledgeable and strong crew. This is going to take years to accomplish, but nothing worth doing is easy. Another work day will be scheduled this fall before the city does a burn in the spring.

For a second consecutive year, the Wabaunsee County Historical Society and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation teamed up for a commemorative event. In June, I spoke to the annual meeting of the society prior to the opening of their new display featuring the CPN history in Wabaunsee County. Part of the museum has been renovated to accommodate a rotating display. With help from Jon Boursaw, the display features information on Citizen Potawatomi history, The Trail of Death, and families who settled in the county. A reception followed the grand opening. Hopefully, many of you can stop by and see the display and the museum.

For many years, my dad has been saying, "Theresa is going to take me to South Bend to see Pierre Navarre's cabin." Finally, on Memorial Day, we made the trip. We packed the car and drove the 10-plus hours to see Pierre's and Angelique's cabin. We can now cross that item off our "bucket list." For any of you who have been think-



ing about making this trip, it was well worth the time and effort.

Again we had hot weather for Family Reunion Festival. But, what do you expect for summer in Oklahoma? I want to give another public thank you to all the fine employees of the Nation. I hope you know how much we appreciate all the hard work you put into this event.

Almost two years ago, I was contacted by a citizen in California for help in making regalia for her visit to festival. Well, she did not make it last year, but did this year. It was a long project, instructing her on how to sew her skirt, blouse, shawl, and moccasins via e-mail. It was my pleasure to dance with her on her first visit to Shawnee in her new outfit. She did a great job, and I was honored to be asked to be her sponsor when she was named in a ceremony on Saturday morning during Festival.

I also had the pleasure of seeing one of my sewing class students from Kansas dance in her first project on her first visit to festival. Thank you ladies for the wonderful memories I will have of this year's festival.

I continue to get e-mail addresses to add to my list. Please contact me if you want to be notified by e-mail of upcoming events.  
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## District #5 - Gene Lambert

Greetings to all,

I am so excited and honored to have been voted in as your Representative for the next four years. Thank you all for your support now and all the years past. It has been eleven years since I was first appointed as your Regional Director for Region 05. Now, as a Legislator, I begin my first full term in District #5.

Michael Carter was a very strong and appreciated candidate. He ran a respectful race and came closer than was comfortable. I look forward to working with him in the next four years as he has great qualities as a human being and is unquestionably competent in his work. He has made several suggestions as to the local Native American Gatherings and has recommended we plan our next meeting at the Herd Museum. Let's work toward that. Let me know your thoughts.

We have some work to do to pull us all together more often than has been possible in the last two years. Many new faces have come on the scene, and we have all suffered loss for those who have walked on. Let's make every day count and choose the directions that will serve our District in the most positive ways.

Hopefully, I will hear from some of you who have requested we set up Websites for local businesses owned by the Potawatomi people, family pages that address your heritage, and a Facebook-type page for all the families who would like to keep closer tabs on our daily lives. It will be a huge undertaking but will serve to keep us in touch on a more regular basis. Our District covers several states and the 'Facebook' could serve in letting us get to know one another



better. We are family, you know.

The Festival was awesome again this year, as it always is. I encourage you to plan to attend next year. If you start now, it will be here before you know it, and you will be ready.

Linda Capps was voted in again as Vice Chairman. We all knew she would be. We are fortunate to have the leadership longevity of Ms. Capps and Chairman John Barrett. Our growth and success have been due to their commitment to the goals and vision for the Nation and their wisdom to choose the right people with whom to work.

You can be proud to be an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

You can reach my e-mail address at EuniceLambert@gmail.com for any suggestions or comments as to what you would like to see happening in the next four years.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you.

Bama pie,  
Gene Lambert  
Legislator, District #5

## District #6 - Rande Payne

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, Friends),

My name is Rande Payne. I am your newly elected District #6 representative. It was just a little over a year ago that I first started to entertain the idea of serving our district as its representative. I remember thinking at the time that the election was such a long way off. Now, what seemed like such a long period of time has come and gone. Time really does fly!

The campaign season took me to District #6 Executive Area Gatherings at Las Vegas, Nevada in March and Anaheim, California

in April. Those trips were time and miles well-spent as I was able to meet some really nice folks whom I would not have met otherwise.

I was also able to attend the District #7 Executive Area Gathering at Napa, California in April. While in Napa, I met the District #7 candidates and wished them well in their campaigns. One of the things I learned in those travels is that we are all Potawatomi, no matter where we call home. District boundaries are just that - lines drawn on a map to identify a geographical

area. Relationships cannot be contained by geography. I once lived in District #7 and have many family members who still do.

I would like to thank those of you who supported me throughout the campaign. Your encouragement and support mean a great deal to me. I will work hard to represent our district in a professional and productive way and provide the kind of leadership that you can be proud of. Thank you again for electing me! I look forward to serving you.

I would also like to thank Ron Goyer for his service to the district. I had the opportunity to get acquainted with him at the Anaheim Executive Gathering. I found him to be a very pleasant man. While Ron did not seek re-election, his father Chuck Goyer was my opponent in the District #6 election. I would like to thank Chuck for his professionalism toward me. I would never attack another candidate, and I appreciate that Chuck took the high road as well. I wish Chuck and Ron all the best!

The end of the campaign trail found me in Shawnee, Oklahoma at the Family Reunion Festival the last weekend in June. It was my first Festival and one that I will never forget. Attempts for my family to attend in 2007 were rained out, but the weather this year was perfect. My wife Kim and oldest daughter Rochelle were able to join me.

The first item of business for me was to participate in a naming ceremony as the male sponsor for Delora Campbell. Delora lives in District 6 just south of me in Bakersfield. Rep. Bob Whistler from District #3 did the naming, and Rep. Theresa Adame from District #4 was Delora's female sponsor.

Delora looked stunning in the regalia she handmade for herself. It was obvious that a lot of time and effort were put into it. District #2 Representative Eva Marie Carney joined in along with Rep. Whistler's wife and daughter. The ceremony was quite moving, and I am honored to have been invited to be a part of it.

Delora and I have talked with each other about our Christian faith and I think Rep. Whistler appropriately named Delora, giving her the name "Mnedokwe" which means Spirit Woman. I believe Delora was quite pleased with her Potawatomi name, and rightfully so!

The next order of business was bratwurst and fried-bologna sandwiches. There was plenty of food and cold refreshments to go



around. I can assure you no one went hungry and most probably overate, as I did.

From there it was on to the General Council meeting in the Long Room at the Cultural Heritage Center. The meeting was well-attended, orderly, and very informative. About halfway through the meeting, Election Committee Chairman Gary Bourbonnais presented the election results to Chairman John Barrett.

Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale ran unopposed and was confirmed for another four-year term. Vice Chairman Linda Capps enjoyed a well-deserved landslide victory. Rep. Gene Lambert was re-elected in District #5. I won the election in District #6, and Dave Carney won his re-election bid in District #8.

It was a proud moment for me to be sworn in alongside Reps. Lambert and Dave Carney. As I stood there being sworn in, I remember thinking that there are so many people that helped make this moment possible. So thank you Chairman Barrett for your endorsement throughout the election process. Winning would have been much harder, if not impossible, without your support.

And thank you Reps. Dave Carney, Eva Marie Carney, and Roy Slavin for endorsing me. I know you had nothing to gain, and I really do appreciate your support. But what I appreciate most is your reaching out to help me. Thank you for sharing your experiences and ideas and all of the encouragement you have given me. I am eager to learn from all of you, and I enjoy very much the friendships we are building.

I believe it should be told that District #6 Potawatomi have a very cool west coast neighbor in District #8 Rep. Dave Carney. I am very thankful for Dave's taking me under his wing, so to speak. Dave had his own campaign to manage but still found time to help me. I applaud Dave's great example of selfless ambition, putting the needs of someone else before his own. Dis-



trict #8 is well served by a man who clearly understands servant leadership. It should also be told that the desire to achieve and help others runs in the Carney family. Dave's son Nick is a talented young man, quite skilled at Website design. Thank you Webmaster Nick for the great work creating and maintaining my Website.

I think I have known for a long time, and being at the Family Reunion Festival provided the opportunity to see firsthand, that our Nation is richly blessed with visionary, entrepreneurial, and fiscally responsible leadership. The jobs we provide, the diversity of our enterprises, and the services available to our members are very impressive.

The expansion and preservation of our culture are becoming more and more of a priority all the time. More benefits and services are being provided to our members, particularly in the area of health aids for our elderly and education for our young.

Involvement at the District level is healthier than it has ever been. While attending my first Legislative session on the Monday after Festival, it was quite apparent that all the districts are well-represented with gifted and passionate people possessing a great desire for moving our Nation forward. It was awesome to see like-minded (sharing the same goals) people present differing opinions, ideas, and solutions for the common good of our Nation. It was as I believe government should be! Citizen Potawatomi have much to be proud of and look forward to.

It takes a great deal of teamwork to keep an organization as large as ours functioning well. There is a multitude of talented people at Tribal Headquarters working behind the scenes to help get things done. All of them with whom I have come in contact have been very welcoming and helpful to me. They are very good at what they do. There are too many to list here and in my opinion, they are the unsung heroes that help keep our Nation strong.

## District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

As I sit at my laptop writing to you, I am in Northern Ontario, Canada. My wife and I decided this year, after talking about it forever, that we'd go to Oklahoma for Festival in our motor home then continue on to visit friends and family in other parts of the

Now that the election is over and the Festival has come and gone, it's time to get busy setting up the District #6 office. I'm looking forward to locating a suitable facility soon. In addition, early August took me back to Shawnee for the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations that our tribe hosted this year. AS I write, I'm really excited to be going back to Shawnee for this great event. This will be another first on a long list of firsts and another opportunity to learn what I can do to better serve the people in our District.

Hopefully I can announce a date soon for an open house celebration some time in September. But, in order to keep you informed of news, events, and services, I need your contact information. Please feel free to e-mail or call me any time. I really want to hear from you as you are my only source for your contact information. Unless you contact me first, I won't know how to contact you. I will keep your information confidential, so please e-mail me at [RandePayne@comcast.net](mailto:RandePayne@comcast.net).

Until I have an office phone, please call the Tribe toll-free at 800-880-9880 to leave a message, and I will call you back. I would encourage you to also visit my website at [www.RandePayne.com](http://www.RandePayne.com) for more information. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Before closing I would like to thank my wife Kim for her sacrifice and understanding and my daughters Rochelle and Melissa and my son Ryan for loving me no matter what. And, I thank God for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. It is by His work through those around me and by His grace and guidance that I find myself in this position. *"I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16.*

Bama mine (until next time....)

Rande K. Payne

District #6 Representative, CPN

country. We are having a wonderful trip and have covered more than 3500 miles at the farthest point from home in our travels.

I encourage all tribal members to take advantage of the hospitality of the CPN by returning to Oklahoma for the Family Reunion Festival. If you did not make it to

Festival, this year the CPN has hosted the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations in Shawnee. I trust that everyone who attended enjoyed a great time as well as an experience that will not soon be forgotten - definitely a "must-attend event".

I had the pleasure of seeing several tribal members from District #7 in Shawnee and received a lot of input as well as some ideas regarding the Festival. I will pass those along to the appropriate departments.

The election results of 2010 were presented during General Council. Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale will remain in their respective positions. District #6, Southern California, has a new representative, Mr. Rande Payne.

For District #7, a run-off is underway between Mr. Mark Johnson and myself. None of the three candidates who ran received a majority of the vote, therefore the run-off. District #5 (Arizona/Colorado/New Mexico/Utah/far west Texas) retained Gene Lambert, and District #8 in the Northwest retained Dave Carney. Heartfelt congratulations to all of winners.

I was told that there are between 6,000 and 8,000 tribal members in District #7. As usual, less than 1% voted, which is a disappointment. Since we will be in the spotlight this year with the only run-off, it would be very good to see more voter participation. Please watch your mail and make sure you exercise your right as a tribal member to vote. If you have any questions, please call me or go to [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org) for more information. If you have questions, call me; my home phone number is 530-887-0773.

## District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho, Jayek (Hello, Everyone),

The writing of this article finds me between two trips to the Nation, one for the Family Reunion Festival the last week of June and one for the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations, first week of August.

I cannot say enough good things about the Family Festival, and I would like to encourage District #8 members to attend in the future, if at all possible. The activities, competitions, camaraderie, and dancing were fun and memorable. This year, my founding family, the Juneaus, was honored along with the Clardy, Frapp, Kahdot, Pappan, Crumbo, and Muller families. I met several family members for the first time



Even though we are on the road, we are checking messages.

As I close, I'm looking forward to the next phase of the journey. We'll be heading out for Niles in Southern Michigan especially to revisit my great-great-great-grandmother's grave. She was the daughter of Topenebe. From there, it was on to South Bend, Indiana to the University of Notre Dame. Not sure from there, but who knows what's around the next bend in the road. I'll be back in the CPN District office soon. So, if you call please leave a message, and I will get back to you ASAP.

Remember to visit (y)our website, [www.cpn-district7.com](http://www.cpn-district7.com) for some general information and an opportunity to contact family and other tribal members in your District.

Migwetch,

Thom Finks

and even came in second on an all-Juneau family Indian hand game competition. My wife and children also enjoyed the festivities, especially the mini-putt and inflatables.

The weekend was not all fun and games; at the General Council meeting, the results of the voting were announced by the head of the Election Committee. I was pleased with the results: Mrs. Capps was retained for another four years as Vice Chairman, and I won a four-year term as the District #8 representative. Let me just say, this is a great honor for me, and I deeply appreciate the trust put in me by the district's members. Immediately following the announcement of all of the voting results, members of the



executive, judiciary, and legislative branches of the Nation's government were all sworn in.

Monday after the Festival was the quarterly legislative session. Seated next to me was Rande Payne, the newly elected representative from District #6 (Southern California and Nevada). Spending some time with Rande, I have high expectations for the work he will do for the members of his district. Please contact him and help him build your District #6 community. His website is [www.randepayne.com](http://www.randepayne.com).

Among the other important items before the legislature was the Resolution of Enrollment into the membership of the Nation. I'd like to welcome the four newly enrolled District #8 members: Jack Reardon, and three members of the Swanzy family - Janice, Thomas, and Benjamin.

By the time this issue of the HowNiKan is published, I am hoping that District #8 is fairly far down the road with a new social networking site: [www.mawjeshnowen.org](http://www.mawjeshnowen.org). The name means "Gathering" and it is the brain child of Andrew MacMillen, a CPN member and Website developer living in Poulsbo, Washington.

This site will not be affiliated with or endorsed or sponsored by the Nation, but is the result of many local members who are requesting to connect with others in the district. It is 100% voluntary and ONLY the members themselves will be posting their contact information. The Nation will not be responsible for anything (good or bad) that happens as a result of the use of this site.

In Andrew's words, his vision is "to provide a venue for CPN District #8 member-to-member(s) communication, honor our place as Keepers of the Council Fire by engaging in respectful discourse, draw from our diverse backgrounds, perspectives and skills to create community, and embrace our spiritual, historical, and cultural heritage."

There are ground rules that will be enforced: civil disagreements are fine, but personal attacks or foul language will not be tolerated. Also, political campaigning will not be allowed. The first one will get a warning; the second will get you banned.

Tentative Forum topics include Genealogy, Culture and Heritage, Hobbies and Interests, and Professional Services that you may want other members to know about or



that you are offering at a discount. This is new and has not been tried before, so please log on and take a look at the progress. Remember, this is 100% voluntary. Also, feel free to reach out to Andrew at [andrewm@hawkfeather.com](mailto:andrewm@hawkfeather.com) or me at [dncarney@gmail.com](mailto:dncarney@gmail.com) regarding the site.

#### PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE TWO EVENTS PLANNED:

Saturday, August 28th, Dinner Meeting at Gallos in Anchorage, Alaska to be followed by a morning Naming ceremony on Sunday, August 29th at a location to be announced. On Saturday, September 11, there will be a Potluck Dinner and Craft Lessons event in Olympia, Washington. We are renting a big church hall to create mocasins, hand drums, medicine bags, etc.

Please check these events and other information on [www.dave-carney.com](http://www.dave-carney.com). Members who live in Alaska should have received an invitation letters for the Anchorage event. Invitation postcards for the Olympia event are on their way. So, check your mail; if you are not getting postcards, your address is incorrect or missing. Please contact me and we can get that fixed for you.

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## District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Bozho, Nation!

### Naganit

A new name was bestowed on me - *Naganit*, meaning "He leads." In this moving, spiritual ceremony, my mind was on my great-great-great-grandfather, Chief Abraham Burnett. It is in his lineage that I am a Potawatomi Indian.

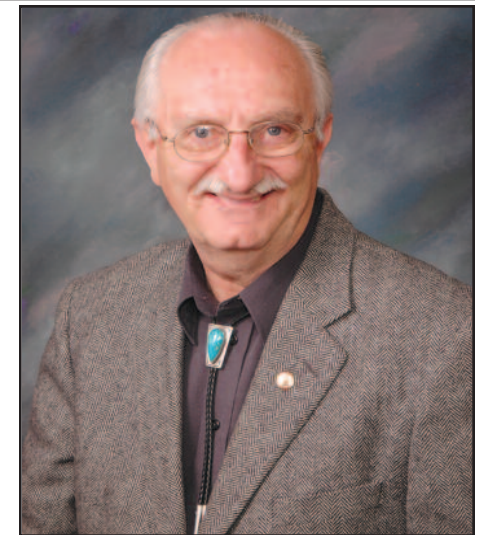
Although I did not know what name the Vice Chairman would grant me (and I am so honored by it), it came not as a surprise. From a young age, my family, friends, and relatives have looked to me for organization and decision-making. It seems that I have been placed in positions of leadership most of my life. For as long as I can remember, I have felt a need, a drive, a calling to make a significant contribution to my generation.

In my essay titled, "The Triumph of a Tribe: A Potawatomi Manifesto," I called on all Potatomis to be "Nation Builders." Nation-building falls not just on the capable shoulders of our Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, legislators, and Supreme Court, but on each one of us, every one of us, without exception.

Without your discerning cooperation and good faith effort, your chosen or elected leaders will not succeed and our tribal nation will falter, fail, and fall. Great nations faltering from within are not at all a historical anomaly.

May I, again, call on you to ask, "What have I done to build my tribal nation today, this month, this year?" Individually and collectively, we can and must, indeed, make a significant contribution to our beloved tribe and nation.

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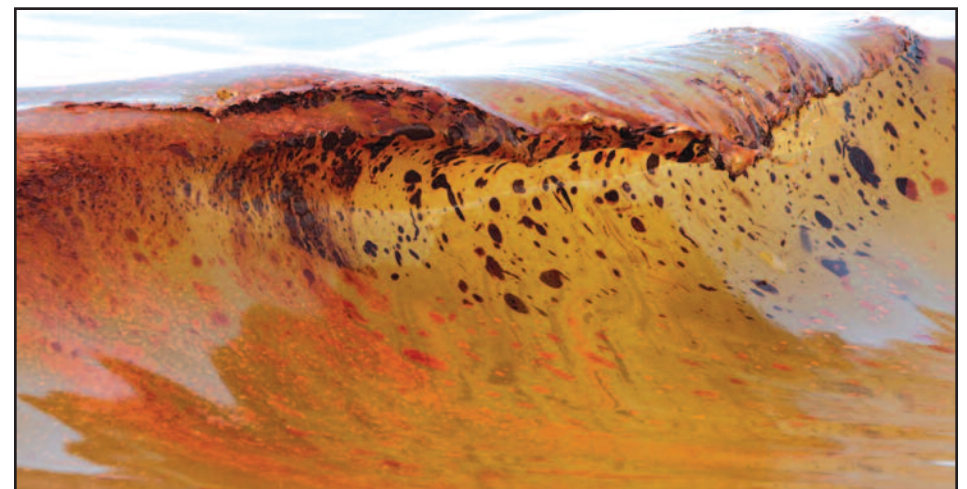


### The Waves of the Will

The disturbing image before you of the Gulf waves cresting and crashing is a depiction of a contradiction - a poignant picture of both majestic beauty and tragic horror. Our first thought is that this oil in the sea, as depicted in the photo accompanying my column, is stunningly attractive; our second thought is that this oil in the water should not be there. It is abhorrently abnormal.

The sunlight penetrating the waves spotted with various shapes, sizes, and colors of oil and saltwater is an abnormal macabre sight that stimulates us with contradictory thoughts, emotions, and actions. And so, too, is human nature fraught with contradictory thoughts, emotions, and actions.

Saint Paul penned this about the universal condition: "The things I want to do, I don't; the things I don't want to do, I do." This is the great human conundrum. And so we are driven to ask, Why? That answer lies



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deep in our psyche, our created soul as well as in revelation.

What psychology and every newspaper affirm, theology declares: this human nature, this mysterious soul of ours is fallen, abnormal, marred. Just like the Gulf waves before us, our nature crests and crashes with contradictory elements of love and hate, war and peace, creation and destruction, triumph and tragedy.

The great artists, to their creative credit, capitalize on this psychological contradiction. It is often out of their tortured temperament, their fallen nature, that they give the world their majestic masterpieces. However, this abnormal normal burdens them, as us, and weighs us down in the sea of sin and alienation.

Those who philosophize that humans by their nature are good should have been tutored to the contrary by the plethora of his-

torical examples, including the near ethnic cleansing of Native Americans by their conquering "civilized and Christian" oppressors. If that were not enough evidence, surely the annihilation of six million Jews by a modern Western society considered by them to be the pinnacle of intellectual evolution should convince any casual observer of human nature that human nature is deeply flawed.

We are, indeed, created in the Imago Dei, but that image of God has since fallen.

I am confident that in our lifetime nature and humankind will totally restore the Gulf waters to their original state. However, our fallen nature will only be fully restored to its original state in the next life by God's unmerited grace.

Migwetch,  
Paul Wesselhöft/*Naganit*

## District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

To update everyone who wasn't able to attend our festival this year, it was hot. The good thing, the improvements to our facility made a huge difference in all of our activities. Thanks to all the staff, employees, and outside workers for this successful event.

I know this sounds like an old, broken record, but what happened to all you guys on voting? We as legislators are proud to see our tribe increase in numbers every legislative session. We are more than 29,041 strong with 21,451 eligible to cast a vote. We only had 8% cast their votes, less than 1,800 voters. Oops???????? This is your voice in our government. Please cherish this freedom and privilege.

During our festival this year we retired many old, worn, tattered flags in a special Flag Memorial Ceremony conducted by the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard. The proper way to dispose of the honored flags is to inspect them first to deem them ready to be retired then burn them, which is the procedure according to our National Flag Code. During our ceremony, I overheard a young person on a passing shuttle shout to another on the shuttle "Look, they're burning the flag!" I wonder what that individual really was saying: "Look they're burning the flag (in disrespect, in protest)" or "Look at the beautiful way we have of retiring our honored flags?"



Have we failed in teaching our nation how much we respect our flag?

The American Legion from Shawnee asked the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard to bring in the Colors during July 3rd dedication of the veterans memorial and flag raising at Woodlands Veterans Memorial Park. Who would have predicted it would rain cats and dogs? It was worth every step that we marched in the rain because, during our possession, we overheard a mother getting the attention of some young boys near her, asking them to stand at attention while the flag passed by them.

Since we have just gone thru the 4th of

July and this was omitted from my last article, I would like to include it now. Did you know that, at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

### FOLDS of the AMERICAN FLAG

Have you ever noticed that a military honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You might have thought it is to symbolize the original 13 colonies. But, we learn something new every day!

The **1st fold** of our flag is a symbol of life. The **2nd fold** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The **3rd fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The **4th fold** represents our weaker nature, for as Americans citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The **5th fold** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is our country, right or wrong."

The **6th fold** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that, "We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

The **7th fold** is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The **8th fold** is a tribute to the one who

entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The **9th fold** is a tribute to womanhood, and mothers. For it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The **10th fold** is a tribute to the fathers, for they, too, have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The **11th fold** represents the lower portion of the seal of Kings David and Solomon. It glorifies, in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The **12th fold** represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in Christians' eyes, God the Father, God the Son, God and the Holy Spirit.

The **13th fold**, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.

In the future, you'll see flags folded and flags retirements and now you know why.

As your legislature, we will be working on the Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

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## Citizen Potawatomi Nation Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

The WIC program provides nutritious supplemental foods to program participants using vouchers. The WIC program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical stages of a child's growth and development.

For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McLoud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.



## District #11 - Lisa Kraft

Thank you to everyone, from our executive leaders, employees, and member volunteers to visiting and voting tribal members, for making this year's festival so enjoyable. Vice Chairman Capps retains her executive seat and will continue to nurture our Nation another four years - as only she can. Members also voted to elevate Angela Riley to Chief Justice of our Supreme Court. It is a remarkable era for Citizen Potawatomi women!

I am so honored to be a representative of the Citizen Potawatomi and walk in the path of these female cultural icons. I am also influenced by their grace, actions, and personal commitment. Among these women, I have to give special thanks to my late grandmother Ara Mae O'Bright O'Connor for planting tribal loyalty and memories when I was a little girl and my former mentor Dorothy Lonelodge, who blessed me with her stories and language. I also give warm thanks to the women who strongly participate in our tribe today: elder Nila Locke, still attending council after 90-plus years; Mary Powell and Beverly Hughes, pioneering tribal leaders; former Clinic Director and founding Health Aids Director Joyce Abel; and former Regional Director, artist, and language instructor Lu Ellis.

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My column this month is an answer to a gentleman's question after General Council. He was interested in why some allotments slightly cross over the western reservation boundary or more specifically the Indian Meridian.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Historic Reservation

Pursuant to the Treaty of 1867 (15 Stat. 531), our forefathers purchased the Citizen Potawatomi reservation exclusively for our use in what was then Indian Territory and is now the State of Oklahoma. The reservation is more commonly known as Pottawatomie (sic) County, just south of the City of Shawnee, from the North Fork of the Canadian River south to the Canadian River proper. The eastern boundary is the Seminole-Pottawatomie county line and the western boundary is the Indian Meridian. This land base includes a six-mile vertical strip of land along the eastern edge of Cleveland County and the southern tip of



Oklahoma County (refer to map below). The original reservation description was recorded in 1872.

"Beginning at a point on the right bank of the North Fork of the Canadian River, in Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 5 East, where the western boundary line of the Seminole Reservation strikes said river; thence south with said boundary line to the left bank of the Canadian River; thence up said river, along the left bank thereof, to a point on said left bank, in the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, 39 chains and 82 lengths [half a mile or half a section west of the Indian Meridian] (by the meanders of the river west) from the point where the Indian Meridian intersects said river, or 38 chains and 52 lengths due west from said Indian Meridian; thence north as run by O.T. Morrill, under his contract on September 3, 1872, to a point on the right bank on the North Fork of the Canadian River; thence down said river along the right bank thereof to the place of beginning[.]"

The question, in particular, was why do some allotments spill over the Indian Meridian if that is the western edge of our reserve? The answer is that the reserve actually extends half a mile or section past the Indian Meridian based on the metes and bounds description. For ease of conversation or general mapping, the western reservation line is usually explained as the Indian Meridian (IM).

The IM was established just two years before the reservation was surveyed from an arbitrary point near Fort Arbuckle. A north-south line was drawn with a transecting east-west line known as Indian Base Line. Except for the Oklahoma panhandle (No Man's Land), land was surveyed in Oklahoma by drawing township lines (north and south) and range lines (east and west). Township and range lines cross to form grids of squares measuring six miles square. Within each square there are 36 one-mile-square blocks called "sections." The allotment overage occurs in these one-mile sections because the Indian Meridian runs straight through the center of those sections.

*Historical Note: Our western reservation boundary (the Indian Meridian), between the Cimarron River (along the southern boundary of Payne County to the north) and the Canadian River, our reservation's southern boundary line (synonymous with Pottawatomie County's) was the eastern border where thousands lined up to make the Land Run of 1889 into the Unassigned Lands.*

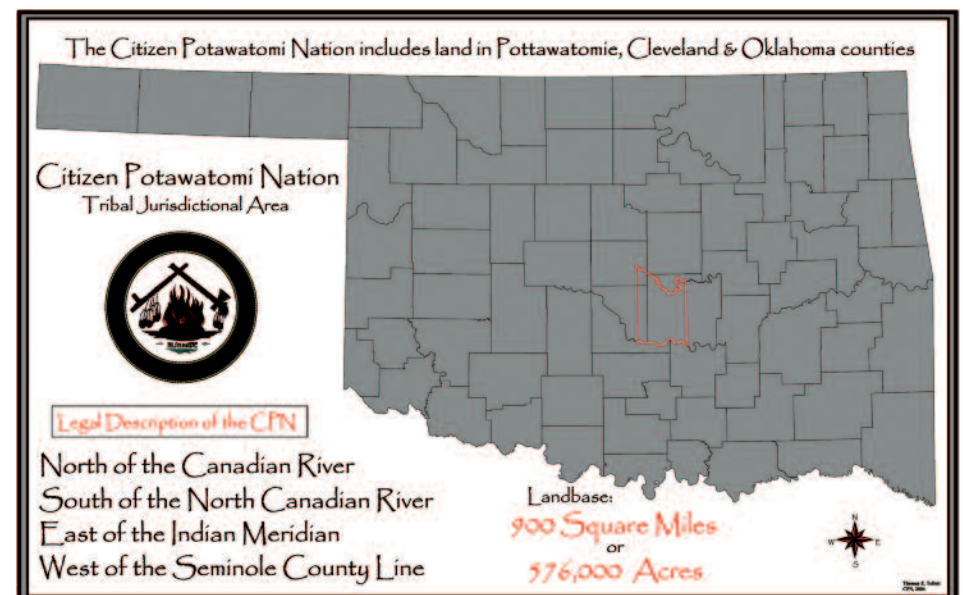
The original reservation encompassed 900 square miles, an area roughly 30 miles across and 30 miles from the top to the bottom, and contained approximately 576,000 acres. Allotments were made to approximately 1,364 tribal members under the General Allotment Act in 1887 (better known as the Dawes Act) leaving Potawatomi roughly one-third of the original reserve (or 199,448 acres). Within a few years after purchasing the reservation and moving from Kansas, our ancestors experi-

enced a preceding allotment act in 1872 (17 Stat. 159). I have discussed these allotment periods in great detail as well as the ensuing tribal-federal tensions that have raged on for over 140 years (see Kraft, Chronicles of Oklahoma, Spring 2008, Vol. 86, Number 1: 64-87).

Today, our historic reservation boundaries continue to define our Nation's tribal jurisdiction. The jurisdiction also ties into several variables used to calculate many of our federal funding levels (e.g. service population, trust acres, miles of roadway, etc.). When we pass tribal legislation to convert fee simple title of tribally owned parcels into trust, this land is within the original reservation boundaries. The more trust land we have, the more options we have to strengthen the tribal entity and each individual member, through federal funding and more varied opportunities. More land options give present and future tribal leaders more ways to fill a variety of membership needs, inside and outside of Oklahoma.

Trust land, as opposed to fee simple land, has a variety of benefits: tribal ordinances apply, tribal law enforcement and court jurisdiction, tribal environmental and cultural protections, and tribal control of health service delivery, commerce, and taxation. Trust land is like having a real pot of gold at the end of the rainbow; it is also how the tribe is strategically rebuilding and reshaping itself.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.  
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## District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

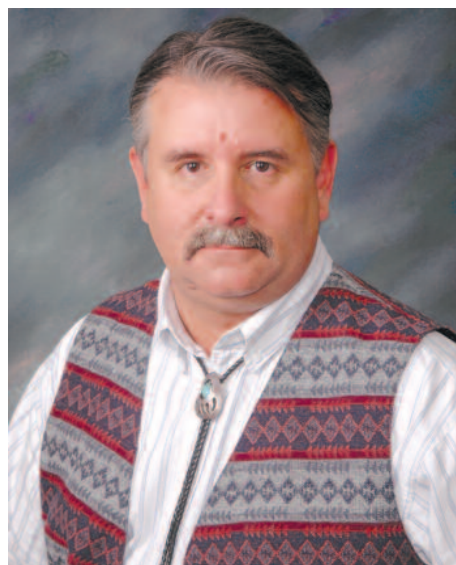
Bozho Nikan,

Well, we have another festival behind us. What a great time that was had! Who didn't eat too many bratwursts? Seemed like every time I walked by the little wagon where the brats and hot dogs were being prepared, I had to have a little talk with myself. I guess we should be glad it only happens once a year. Maybe a "Bratwursts Anonymous" program would be in order. Oh well, it was great seeing all my family and friends again. I guess that's one of the purposes - get us together for a visit where we can catch up.

Wasn't the addition of those large fans over the pavilions and the round house nice? I don't know how many people commented on how much more tolerable they made the June temperatures and the Oklahoma humidity. Then, the new canopy over the dance circle. Wow, what a huge difference that made. Somehow I got to help put it up.

As most of you know. I'm off in the summer and I try real hard not to work that hard in the heat of the day. But when I saw Chairman John Barrett doing it, I was obliged to jump in. It sure made me appreciate how hard our employees worked to get everything set up. I was talking with a man from Chumash tribe who travels around to a lot of pow wows. He said he believes that we Citizen Potawatomi have the nicest grounds he has seen.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is blessed to have hosted the annual Gathering



of Potawatomi Nations this year in August. Hopefully many of you were able to come and participate. For some, it's one of the few times you are able to experience the Gathering.

I suspect that the northern Potawatomi were very happy to see the improvements we've made since they were here last in 2004. Let's face it, they just aren't used to the temperatures and humidity we have down here. When you look at all that has been done over the years at the pow wow grounds, it's a really nice place to have something like this.

As always it is both a pleasure and a honor to serve you and our great nation. Bama pi and migwetch, Paul Schmidlkofer

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## District #13 - Bobbie Bowden

Bozho, Nikanek (Hello, my friends),

Where has this year gone? It is hard to believe it is already time to get our kids ready to go back to school.

Please keep in mind that is also time for college students to place their applications for higher education grants/scholarships. All of the information for the Education Assistance Program, including the student application and application check list, is in the employment and training section of the Nation's Website: [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org)

This is a wonderful benefit offered by our tribe. Please make your children and/or grandchildren aware of this benefit so they may take advantage of it and continue to get their education without ending up with a large amount of student loans when they complete their higher education.

If you are already utilizing the Higher Education Grant, please keep in mind that a new application is required each new academic year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Linda Capps on retaining her position as Vice Chairman. We are all very fortunate to have this type of leadership, and I feel especially blessed to be able to work with her and learn from her experience during my service to the tribe.

In closing, I would like to say that I hope



you were able to attend the 2010 Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosted it at tribal headquarters from August 4th through August 8th.

Please feel free to contact me at [BBowden@Potawatomi.org](mailto:BBowden@Potawatomi.org) with any questions or anything I may help you with.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. God bless each of you.

Migwetch,  
Bobbie Bowden  
CPN Representative, District #13

## Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Please accept my heart-felt gratitude for those who voted for me in the June election. Your vote of confidence resulted in an impressive 88 percent margin which is an honor that I will never forget. Many of you helped by placing ads, passing out buttons, giving spoken and written words of encouragement, praying, and simply showing that you care by your smile and/or handshake. I will strive for continual improvement as I work for you and with you in my position as your Vice-Chairman.

Planning for the "Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations" has consumed a good portion of our time at headquarters recently. Of course, Murphy's Law set in, and we found ourselves with Gordon Cooper Drive under construction as the Gathering approached. The road crews worked hard, though, and by opening day of the Gathering, they road crews had completed the ini-

tial paving near and around tribal headquarters.

We experienced a grand 17th Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations with a full schedule of events that were conducted mostly on improved festival grounds. In itself, that is quite a feat considering some of the improvements have been made since the June 25-27 Family Reunion Festival.

The highlight of each summer is the presence of the Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP) students. As with each PLP group, this year's students are young people of excellent character who will definitely be contenders for future leadership positions in the Nation. They are from several states across the USA, including Arkansas, Florida, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia.

The students are especially compatible and easy-going with a unique sense-of-



humor that has created an uplifting environment at the Sharp property where they reside for six weeks. Their intelligence and knowledge of technology is amazing!

I can't help but believe that we will see this group again. They have grown to love the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the tribal members with whom they have come in contact, and many of the directors and staff members with whom they worked within various departments of the Nation.

Thanks goes out to the 2010 PLP students for their congenial attitudes and winning ways! A hardy "thank you" also is extended to Margaret Zientek, who serves as the PLP house parent, and Austin Ross, who is the PLP counselor for the second year in a row.

As the next four years are launched, it is my fervent wish that our Nation continues to grow in population, facilities, and eco-



nomie health, and that our heritage and cultural activities multiply. I cherish the opportunity to remain your Vice Chairman.



From left, the 2010 PLP class consists of Malia Macon, Jessica Clark, Jordan Moss, Paige Willett, Andrew Adamietz, Jacob Johnson, and Zach Brunt. Austin Ross, at right, was the counselor for the 2010 PLP class.

## Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friend),

I am grateful for the vote of confidence you have shown in our tribal government in the re-election of Linda Capps and D. Wayne Trousdale. Our new Tribal legislature is functioning well now, and we continue to break new ground in the performance of our tribal government functions.

My congratulations to our newest Legislator from District #6 in Southern California, Rande Payne, and to incumbent Gene Lambert for her re-election in District #5. Our legislators are developing their own constituent services suited to their districts. They have made great progress in their personal initiatives to bring traditional cere-

mony to their people. I pledge to continue the process of reforming our Constitution to allow for a full separation of powers with the Chairman and Vice Chairman residing at-large and separate from the Legislature.

Thank you to all who attended the Family Reunion Festival and helped make it one of the best ever. This year, we registered more than 4,800 people to attend the three-day festival. Each year, more and more Citizen Potawatomi are learning their traditions, taking an interest in tribal government, and showing pride in their heritage. I couldn't help but get a little teary when the Grand Entry took place and I saw the look of pride on the face of Kenneth Peltier, one of the elders who started our

dance tradition here in Shawnee in the Potawatomi Intertribal Powwow Club back in the 70s, and my uncle. Kenneth has served as Secretary/Treasurer, Grievance Committeeman, and Boxing Commissioner. They carved out a bare place in the woods to dance so many years ago. He and Pauline Peltier, my late aunt, put in a lot of miles going to powwows "back in the day." It was a great evening.

It makes me feel honored to be a member of this tribe when I see more than 300 of our members honoring the reunion families by showing up in regalia and entering the dance arena when the family songs are sung. It also was gratifying to see our membership become aware of the tradition of respect for the drum by wearing proper attire when they dance. "Lookin' good in the circle" is an old tradition that demonstrates how important dancing was in the old days in honoring each other's families.

I noticed some women brought a skirt to wear over their shorts, one that they could remove when they finished dancing, as the men do with their ribbon shirts. Even though it is a social event, observing these rules conveys a feeling of respect for the Creator and His gifts to us here on Mother Earth. That is an essential part of our tribal unity. It brings us together.

All of our businesses continue to prosper because of the hard work and talents of the managers who guide them and the employees who serve our customers. The recession has hit us in our gross income but we have maintained our net profits through reduction in our employee force through attrition. Again, I want to thank them for their efforts, and especially Vice-Chairman Linda Capps for her professionalism and managerial talent. She is an indispensable part of



the tribal government and essential to the success of our business ventures. Her dedication and work ethic inspire us all.

Our employees put forth a huge effort to make this year's Festival a success, and I thank all of them for their dedication and hard work to make this annual event special for all Citizen Potawatomi. A special thank you to Randy Story and his crew, especially Larry Odell, Jerry Kilgore, and John Grove, for their extra effort in getting our new Dance Arena shades up. They worked long and hard on this difficult project right up to the start of Festival. We have a beautiful, big, new, 150-foot-diameter sun screen over the dance circle. It protects the dancers and spectators from the hot sun. It is in sixteen segments and can be taken up and let down for any event. We also have several big new overhead fans in our pavilion structures and the mini-putt that make for a great deal more comfort. For those who have not come to Festival because of the heat, try again next year!

Migwetch (thank you),  
John Barrett

## Attention CPN Veterans

**I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.**

**If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-598-0797. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.**

**I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.**  
*C. 'Rowdy' Yates*  
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scarce. Thus, his eldest brother joined the Navy, the sister got a job at the telephone company, and Mel got a job at the ripe young age of 13, delivering the daily newspaper in the pre-dawn hours before going to school, rain or shine! This job helped Mel learn responsibility and independence at this young age, which in turn helped him to choose his first career. That was studying to own his own Real Estate and Mortgage Broker Business in San Bernardino.

He owned this business for approximately 20 years. This ultimately gave him the opportunity to obtain a supervisory position with the San Bernardino County Senior Housing Authority where he worked for the next 20 yrs., retiring at the age of 63, due to a heart and lung condition. This condition kept him in declining health for his remaining years.

Mel lost his beloved wife, Jackie, in 2008. They enjoyed a hobby together of raising racing pigeons. Mel was always proud of his Citizen Potawatomi heritage. He bought and read two of the books outlining the Potawatomi history. He attended the local regional affairs in California and was able to attend at least two of the annual Pow-Wows in Shawnee.

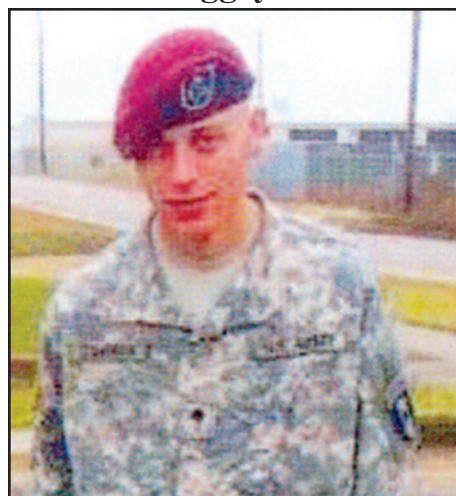
One of his great highlights was when he participated in his Indian Naming Ceremony. Our mother, Juanita A. (Cooper) McCoy, and grandmother, Mary (Vieux) Cooper (CP 854/Ogee Family) are our Potawatomi heritage.

Mel is survived by three children, Kathy White and Rick McCoy of California, and Tony McCoy of Texas; a sister, Darlene Eastman of California; two granddaughters

who live in Texas; two granddaughters who live in California; one grandson who lives in California; one grandson who lives in Nevada; one great-grandson who lives in Texas; one great-grandson who lives in Nevada; two great granddaughters who live in Nevada; a niece and nephew, two grand-nephews, and a grand-niece who live in Arizona; two nephews and five nieces who live in California; and six grand-nephews and five grand-nieces who live in California.

He leaves a legacy of great love and generosity and an outstanding sense of humor and personality-plus to all who knew him. We will miss him!

**Daniel 'Shaggy' O'Bannon**



Mr. Daniel 'Shaggy' O'Bannon, 22, of 102 Williams Court, Raeford, North Carolina, passed away as the result of an automobile accident on Saturday, June 5, 2010. Mr. O'Bannon was the son of John and Sharon O'Bannon of Roan Mountain, Tennessee. He was born in Norman, Oklahoma.

Mr. O'Bannon was on active duty with the United States Army, and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Hazel O'Bannon; an uncle, Kenneth Smith; and a niece.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Kelly Claunch and Elizabeth Waters; Five brothers, Ben Waters, Samuel McWhirter, Bryant O'Bannon, Zack Hansen, and Thomas Flesher; three nephews; five nieces; and a great-niece. Numerous other loved ones also survive.

The funeral service for Mr. O'Bannon was conducted on Friday, June 12, 2010 at Noon in the Chapel of Peace at Tetrick Fu-

neral Home in Elizabethton, Tennessee, with the Rev. Darrell Holly officiating. Interment followed in Mountain Home National Cemetery at Mountain Home, Tennessee.

Active pallbearers were provided by the United States Army. The family received friends at the funeral home chapel from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010 and at other times at the home of his sister in Elizabethton. Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting [www.TetrickFuneralHome.com](http://www.TetrickFuneralHome.com) and signing the guestbook or by fax at 423-542-9499.

**Gary J. Cooper/Na Not Wadukt**

Gary J. Cooper/Na Not Wadukt, 58, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Monday, June 28, 2010. He was born on July 16, 1951 in Topeka, the son of Walter E. and Augustine (Mitchell) Cooper.

He was a graduate of Topeka High School and Haskell Junior College in Lawrence and majored in music at Washburn University. He was a self-employed roofer and talented musician in Topeka. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Gary and his late brother, Jon, and cousin, Terry Cross Bear, formed a rock/blues band - Blue Feather.

Survivors include his brother, Ross Cooper, Topeka; aunts, Catherine Cooper, Topeka, and Phyllis Mitchell Flores, El Paso, Texas; nieces, Ashley and Jessica YoungBird, Melinda Cooper Williamson, and Michelle Cooper Torres. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Phil and Jon Cooper, and a sister, Rita Cooper YoungBird.

Gary will be greatly missed by his four great-nephews, Jaiden, Preston, Ian, and Eli, and great-niece, Halina.

Mr. Cooper was cremated. The family received friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at Our Lady of Snows Church, Mayetta, Kansas, where a rosary was recited at 7 p.m. A memorial mass was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 2, 2010 at the church. Inurnment followed at the Ship-Shee Cemetery.

Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel assisted the family. To leave a special message for the family online, please visit [www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com](http://www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com).

**Catherine Harriet Sten**



Catherine Harriet Sten (née Kappus) walked on into Heaven at the age of 73 on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 in Allendale, New Jersey. She was born on March 1, 1937 in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the daughter of the late Henry J. Kappus and the late Margaret S. Kappus (née Craig).

Catherine was a Native American, a Citizen Potawatomi descendent. She married Aaron Sten (founder of the California Youth Symphony and Peninsula Symphony) on September 4, 1955, and they were married for 38 years until his death on February 26, 1994. Catherine was a loving mother to daughter Deborah Strobel (nee Sten) and two step-children, Stephanie and Gregory Sten. She was also a loving grandmother to her grandchildren, Alyssa and Tyler Strobel, as well as her step-grandchildren, Jill Miller and Nick Sten.

Catherine worked for several years as a registered nurse in operating rooms. She had an immense love for animals. Catherine enjoyed reading, playing tennis, listening to classical music, and being with her family. She spent most of her life in Northern California until she moved back to Hardyston Township, New Jersey in June of 2000 to be with her daughter and son-in-law.

Catherine is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Michael; her loving caregivers until the end of her life; her grandchildren, Alyssa and Tyler, who enriched Catherine's life beyond words; her stepdaughter, Stephanie; two step-grandchildren, Jill and Nick; her loving niece, Mary Rondeau; and her great-niece, Talana Kobus. Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Margaret Kappus; her husband, Aaron; her sister, Joan Reeves (née Kappus); her stepson, Gregory; and her nephew, Larry Olson. She will truly be missed by all of her family.

At Catherine's request, there was no memorial service held. Her astrological sign was



Pisces, and Catherine's last wishes were to be returned to the water and have her ashes spread in the Pacific Ocean. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Catherine's name to: Angels of Hope Foundation, 637 Wyckoff Avenue, Suite 201, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, or online at: [www.aoh-nj.org](http://www.aoh-nj.org)

## Tom T. Hamilton



**ELKHART, Indiana** - Tom T. Hamilton, 80, of Warsaw, Indiana died at 3:30 p.m. on July 15, 2010, in his residence. He was born on December 6, 1929 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the son of A.A. 'Pat' and Emma A. Wesselhoft Hamilton. On Sept. 4, 1953, in Oklahoma City, he married Patricia L. Walker, who survives.

He was very proud of his Potawatomi Indian heritage. He was active in the effort that has seen 78 Potawatomi Trail of Death markers placed along that route. He designed the plaque that is used on 12 of those markers. He was a great-great-grandson of historically-important CPN patriarch Abram Burnett (in the photo Mr. Hamilton is shown holding, a photo he had restored).

He was raised on his family's livestock and wheat farm near Oklahoma City, and the family's cattle ranch near Fargo, Oklahoma, where brothers are still in the ranching business.

America, working in radio and television and newspaper feature-writing. He joined the Oklahoma Soil Conservation Board as Assistant Director in 1957, assisting local citizens' groups and soil and water conservation districts across the state in organizing and implementing flood-control and other conservation programs.

He joined International Harvester in late 1958 at its Chicago headquarters as Associate Editor of its national farm magazine. In 1963, he was named Editor with full responsibility for the 1,200,000 circulation magazine. In 1967, he joined the large Marsteller, Inc., an advertising agency in Chicago. Using his agriculture background, Mr. Hamilton handled livestock feed, seed corn, animal health, and sprayers accounts. He joined Agricultural Associates advertising after one-and-one-half years at Marsteller. There, he worked on projects involving When Agricultural Associates moved away from Chicago's northwest suburbs in February 1977, he formed own agency, Tom Hamilton & Associates, Inc. He solicited and obtained several accounts, including food ingredients, agricultural, and real estate companies. Hamilton & Associates operated profitably until Mr. Hamilton sold it to move to the northern lakes area of Indiana as Vice President and General Manager of CTB Advertising, Inc., an in-house agency for CTB, Inc., which owns Chore-Time Equipment, Inc., Brock Manufacturing, Inc., and Swish Watering Systems. CTB Advertising does all the advertising and promotion for this group of agriculture related companies, retiring in 1995.

After his retirement, he and Pat divided their time between homes in Eufaula, Oklahoma and Warsaw.

Mr. Hamilton was a member of the Fulton County, Indiana Historical Society; St. Paul's Catholic Church, Eufaula; the Sigma Delta Chi Professional Journalism Society, and Chicago Headline Club, Cross & Cockade Flying Club, a World War I aviation historical society. He loved to fly his own airplane.

He was active in community and professional organizations: member of National Agri-Marketing Association; former president of Industrial Editors Association of Chicago; organizer and former chairman for several years of the Elk Grove Village, Illinois Aviation Committee for O'Hare Airport communications for noise control and air safety; co-organizer of O'Hare Area Noise Abatement Council; principal organ-

izer of Salt Creek Watershed Steering Committee a northwest Chicago suburban flood control project which led to his organizing the Chicago Metropolitan River Basin Council of Steering Committees for five Northeast Illinois flood control projects similar to Salt Creek; organizer of Illinois Council of Watersheds (promoting "upstream flood control" projects, and were non-paid, volunteer activities); named by National Watershed Congress, made up of some 15 wildlife and conservation groups, 'Watershed Man of the Year'; and recipient of Boy Scouts of America, Distinguished Assistance Award for Project SOAR, 1972. For his efforts the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago named a flood retention reservoir in Palatine after him in 1979.

Also surviving are a daughter, Teresa M. Hamilton, Checotah, Oklahoma; three sons, T. Alan Hamilton, Skokie, Illinois, George G. Hamilton (and his spouse Cathy), Woodstock, Illinois; and J. Joseph Hamilton, Warsaw; 10 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and two brothers, George G. Hamilton (and spouse Ann), Shawnee, Oklahoma and Dick D. Hamilton (and spouse Mary), Woodward, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters, Ambrose 'Ham' Hamilton, Jane Wisdom, Ruth Ray, and Emma 'Dandy' Fletcher.

Mr. Hamilton was cremated; a Celebration of Life has been scheduled for October 9, 2010 at the CPN's Reunion Hall North in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Family members will gather at 10 a.m. There will be a 1p.m. service and a graveside service at 2 p.m. in

Tecumseh Cemetery, Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent via [www.Elkhart-Cremation.com](http://www.Elkhart-Cremation.com).

## Kenny Cromwell



Kenny Cromwell, 51, of Reno, Nevada, passed away on Monday, June 7, 2010.

Kenny attended the Oregon institute of technology in Klamath Falls for business management. He also studied art and design and Indian history. Kenny was very proud of his Native American heritage as a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Kenny enjoyed gardening, cooking, fishing, riding his motorcycle, and a good beer. He embraced everything in life with fun, laughter, and great enthusiasm. His quick wit and humor touched everyone he met.

He was a lead engineer at John Ascuaga's Nugget.

The family wishes to thank everyone for the outpouring of unconditional love and support through this difficult time.

Kenny was the beloved husband of Tyna 'Ty' Cromwell for 16 years; father of Steven Cromwell of Klamath Falls and Nicholette Cromwell of Reno; brother of both Patricia McElhaney and husband Charles of and Allen Cromwell of Oroville, California; grandfather to Corrie Cromwell of Klamath Falls; stepfather of Craig and Dustin Redenius of Reno and Joshua Andrade of Washington state; and step-grandfather of Austin and Dahlia Andrade of Klamath Falls.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Opal Pappan Flanagan, and his brother, Parker Cromwell.

A Celebration of Life was held on Thurs-

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(This is one of the Trail of Death markers that Tom Hamilton designed.)



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day, July 8, 2010 at the Garden Terrace in John Ascuaga's Nugget, on the fifth floor, 1100 Nugget Ave., Sparks, NV at 3:30 p.m.

### Howard T. 'Howie' Peltier Jr.



Howard Taft 'Howie' Peltier Jr., 79, passed away on June 6, 2010 at La Habra Heights, California. Howard was born on December 23, 1930 in Los Angeles, California.

He graduated from Downey Union High School and served in the United States Marine Corp. In 1957, Howard founded Johnson-Peltier Electric and remained actively involved in the company until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Karen Greene, Kim Rowell, Kevin Peltier, Kelly McDowell, Kristi Schreiber, Darren Rothrock, Heather Mais-terra; his 17 grandchildren; and his seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, June 10 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, California.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

McAulay & Wallace Mortuary was in charge of preparations. Visit [www.ocregister.com](http://www.ocregister.com) to express condolences and sign the guestbook.

### Stephen Andrew Young

Stephen Andrew Young, 18, of Boley, Oklahoma walked on to the pastures of plenty on his own terms Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at 5:48 in the morning on the cusp of a glorious sunrise. Andy is survived



by his father Steve Young, his mother Tammy (Bell) Young, younger brother Jesse Young, his fiancée Sarah Dyer, great-grandmothers Mae Bell and Marie Young, grandparents Verlin and Karla Bell, Don and Frankie Sue (Melott) Jones, and Lloyd and Pam (Bell) Young, and innumerable beloved family members and friends.

Andy was born in Wichita, Kansas on July 17, 1992. He lived with his family in various Kansas and Oklahoma towns, attending Mangum, Oklahoma schools during primary school, Granite, Oklahoma schools during middle school, and Okemah, Oklahoma schools throughout high school. Little more than two weeks after graduating from Okemah High School in June 2010, Andy arrived at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for Basic Combat Training (BCT), where he began training to become a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Soldier for the U.S. Army Reserve.

In the early morning hours of July 20, 2010, Andy was taken from his barracks at Fort Leonard Wood to University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri where he battled leukemia and infection for 21 days. He has left his body to the earth, and his soul has taken flight.

At every station in life, Andy rose as a leader and helped others rise alongside him. He was active in sports, particularly shining in two beloved sports: baseball and rodeo. Andy was a two-time state champion in weightlifting, a member of the FFA, a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a graduate of Cadet Lawman, and

active in his church home. Andy was a loved man with a great heart, a natural-born hero who is profoundly missed.

Still, Andy spoke of his brother Jesse as his hero, saying that he looked up to his little brother as much as Jesse looked up to him. He was generous with his love and respect, a fierce friend, and a faithful warrior who was willing to do hard things for good.

A time to celebrate Andy's life and to serve one another in our sorrow was observed on Saturday, August 14, 2010, at ten o'clock in the morning at the Mangum High School Auditorium in Mangum, Oklahoma, with a graveside service immediately following at Riverside Cemetery, also in Mangum.

Andy was honored with full military rights as well as by the presence and support of many family members and friends. Viewing was at People's Funeral Home in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma on the evening of Friday, August 13.

Please share your memories of Andy and your condolences on the guestbook at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/stephenandrewyoung](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/stephenandrewyoung). "We have fought the good fight, we have finished the race, we have kept the faith, and we survive to fight another day."

And he walked on to the pasture of plenty.

### Ila Dortha 'Dorothy' Hicks

Ila Dortha 'Dorothy' Hicks, age 90, a long-time resident of Sun City Arizona, went to be with the Lord on June 9, 2010. She was born on September 13, 1919 in Great Bend, Kansas, the daughter of William and Celia Gage.

Ms. Hicks was a long-time nurse's aide at Central Kansas Medical Center. She retired to Sun City Arizona with her late husband, Loren G. Hicks, to be close to her son, Charles W. Esch, his wife Joy, and her four grandchildren.

Dorothy was thrilled to trace her roots back to the Navarre family of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She was proud of her tribe and wrote poetry about her people and her life. Dorothy is interned at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Cemetery in Pittsburgh.

#### Festival 2006

It's time for the Festival, it's time to cheer,  
To see old friends  
that come from far and near,



To see if you're as good as you used to be,  
To take part in the games  
and eat the cooking that you see.

We dance to the drums,  
Our Chairman does  
some of the rituals of old,  
To win prizes of money,  
it looks like a pot of gold.  
Doing the things our ancestors did  
in the days of old.

I know our people are full  
of pride and joy,  
To save what others tried to destroy.  
They took our land,  
they killed our native man.  
And yet we stand, we lived and died  
trying to save our land.

But that wasn't the plan of the future man,  
Our hopes and dreams were lost,  
For the red man died, that's what it cost.  
We live on dying hopes it seems,  
To fulfill the red man's life  
- his hopes and dreams.

Dorothy Hicks  
Sun City, Arizona

It's  
**FireLake Designs**  
for logoed apparel,  
company-monogrammed  
promotional items,  
and team uniforms!!



## James D. 'Cowboy' Cargill



Born in Osage County, Oklahoma on March 4, 1932, James D. 'Cowboy' Cargill passed peacefully on April 17, 2010, on an early Saturday morning at his daughter's home in Turlock, California. He was known as J.D. in his younger days and to his family and was known as Cowboy to his friends where he lived in Stockton, California for the final 15 years or so of his life.

By trade, Cargill was a cement mason. He was taught this trade by his brother, Jack, who passed on years earlier. His concrete work can be seen in many places in Stockton. He helped construct the Interstate 5 freeway, the Stockton Court House, housing developments in north Stockton, and many other structures. He was an artist with concrete and brick.

He is survived by his children, Doris F. Cargill of Turlock, Donna Williams and her husband Shannon of Ceres, California, Daniel Cox of Stevenson, California, and David Means of Manteca, California; his grandchildren, D.J. Costa of Turlock, Devan Anderson of Ceres, Tenisha Williams of Oakdale, California, Shannon D. Williams of Goodyear, Arizona, John Means of Manteca, and Diane Cox of Modesto, California; seven great-grandchildren, Brendan, Lily, Joseph, Emma, D.J. Jr., Ryan, Charlee Rose, and Electra; three sisters, Pauline Gullans and Ilene Arris, both of Stockton, and Alta Sinor of Pryor, Oklahoma; and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing was at Turlock Memorial Park on Monday April 26, 2010; burial was on April 27, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, California. He served in the Korean War and was given a veteran's send-off.

Mr. Cargill's family offers many thanks to Community Hospice and the veterans for his military send-off.

## Setting an example, leading the way

These days, there is a better relationship between Indian Country in Oklahoma and a federal agency whose cooperation and assistance are vital in emergencies – the federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). And, the way forward, toward the improvement, has been led by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its safety director, CPN member Tim Zientek.

Zientek has developed materials for teaching enhanced response techniques and has hosted and taught as the CPN has brought in FEMA officials to CPN facilities for sessions in which they interact with appropriate staff people from tribal governments across Oklahoma. Zientek has also been called on to take the training to locations around the U.S.

Zientek says his introduction to working with FEMA in the aftermath of an emergency came in the severe Oklahoma ice storm of the winter of 2000. He says the tribes' needs seemed to be an afterthought. "The concept that FEMA had was – Oh, yeah, tribes," Zientek explained.

Shortly after that, Zientek fielded a phone call in which a FEMA official admitted to the agency's not having an adequate plan for dealing with tribal governments in emergencies. "We understand that tribes need training," is Zientek's characterization of the FEMA official's overture. "The training that is available is not really designed for tribal governments, so we want to build a curriculum for training specifically for tribal governments."

Zientek was invited into the curriculum-design process in 2001. During a trip to offices of the Emergency Management Institute in Maryland, Zientek was part of a focus group that assisted in drawing up a class called "Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments."

Zientek says, "It describes what an emergency management program is, why a tribal government is responsible for having one, and how it can benefit a tribe."

Since that beginning, Zientek has assisted in development of a course to teach how to mitigate hazards: "This is to lessen or decrease the potential for (occurrence of) a disaster or the harm from a disaster."

In June, Zientek and the CPN hosted a training session on "Continuity of Government." According to Zientek, that concern covers a wide area. The overarching consideration is ensuring that a tribal govern-



*Representatives of several Oklahoma tribes, including CPN Employment & Training Program Assistant Director Margaret Zientek (in blue blouse) gathered at the CPN for training in continuity of government. CPN Safety Director Tim Zientek, who has spearheaded development of the training, is at right.*

ment can continue functioning following a disaster, something such as a major flood or tornado or, in some parts of the U.S., an earthquake, or the simultaneous death or incapacitation of several elected officials.

Zientek describes Government Continuity's core task in these terms: "If, for instance, our tribal government headquarters is wiped out, and we do not have a headquarters building to operate from, what are the essential functions that our tribal government has to perform to maintain its sovereignty and essential services?"

Developing an adequate, realistic government continuity plan can be a very detailed task, according to Zientek. He says that, as an example, it must lay out a path for developing redundant storage of tribal rolls information, continuing police communications systems, operating without normal delivery of electricity and water, and myriad other considerations.

Zientek says the CPN is farther along in development of a continuity of government plan than most of the U.S.A.'s 564 tribal governments. "FEMA is working diligently to spread word (about need for these plans) to all of the tribal nations," Zientek said. "We take these courses on the road ... We take it to the tribes at their locations."

In addition to FEMA's role as a catalyst in development of the emergency management courses and programs, Zientek says Oklahoma tribes have developed a network for sharing resources. It was very helpful in dealing with destruction from several weather-related emergencies in the first half of 2010.

## Health Aids Foundation

Bozho,

It was wonderful to see and visit with many of you during the Family Reunion Festival and gathering of the Potawatomi Nations. If I can ever be of service to you, please contact me.

Though we are headed into the fall months, with declining hours of sunshine each day, I thought we should consider a few of the safeguards regarding skin care. This advice comes to us from the HEALTHY/Years bulletin published by the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Overexposure to the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays can not only increase your risk of skin cancer, it can also cause premature aging of the skin. But there are steps you can take at any age to limit sun damage and reduce your risk of developing skin cancer. "As we accumulate sun exposure through the years, our skin ages in many ways," says Thomas Su, MD, PhD, a dermatologist at UCLA Health System. "We can divide this up into color and texture."

**Age-related skin changes.** Many different color changes can occur due to chronic sun exposure: Brown spots called solar lentigoes can form on the skin. They're commonly called "sun spots," "liver spots," or "age spots." In addition, a type of discoloration termed poikiloderma can develop with chronic sun exposure. This is a mottling of red, brown, and white discoloration, often seen on the neck and upper chest.

Sun exposure also causes many skin texture changes, due to alterations in the elastin and collagen in our skin. This leads to increased and deeper skin lines, and is a major cause of fine lines and wrinkles on the face.

Breakdown of elastin and collagen can lead to thinning of the skin, often seen on the hands and forearms. "If you wear a wristwatch, comparing the skin underneath the watch (sun-protected) with the adjacent sun-exposed skin on your forearm can give a good demonstration of the results of accumulated sun exposure," says Dr. Su. Although many age-related skin changes are unavoidable, limiting additional exposure to the sun can help prevent further damage.

**Reducing your risk of skin cancer.** Aside from cosmetic damage, the most dangerous consequence of too much unprotected exposure is skin cancer.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe.

Joyce Abel, RN  
Director, Health Aids Foundation



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post since the mid-1980s. Robert Coulter, Robert Coffey, and James White were also retained on the Supreme Court.

Judge Phil Lujan, who helped establish the Citizen Potawatomi Nation court system in the mid-1980s and who has been a CPN District judge since the days of the Court of Indian Offenses, won retention as the Nation's Chief District Court Judge.

Finally, CPN voters gave overwhelming approval to a budget for Fiscal Year 2011 use of interest earnings from the Nation's set-aside funds. The vote there was 1,452 to 107.



# Family Reunion Festival 2010

